

New Fairfield Public Schools
Athletic Program Support Proposal 2024-25
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During the pandemic, athletic activities were significantly reduced, and there was a corresponding decrease in athletic program support. This proposal intends to restore support to the athletic program that existed prior to the pandemic.

Seasonal Support:

Office Support - \$3,000 per season (\$9,000 Total)

- This stipend will provide support in the following areas: facility scheduling for high school events, collaboration with community sports groups, monitoring student-athlete eligibility (Registration, Physicals, and Concussion Baseline Testing), coordinating transportation schedules with the bus company, ordering of equipment and supplies, and coordinating post season awards and certificates.

Game Management Coordinator - \$3,000 per season (\$9,000 total)

- This role would be responsible for the scheduling of support staff for all home and away events as needed. This includes Site Supervisors, Support Staff, Clock Operators, Bookkeepers, and Volleyball Lines Judges if available. This person would be responsible for the organization and submission of athletic timesheets to the athletic director for approval.

Lead Site Supervisor - \$30/hr x 200 hours per season = \$6,000 (\$18,000 total)

- Reports to the high school competition site as scheduled. Secure any necessary materials from the athletic office.
- Must be visible at all times to coaches, athletes, and spectators.
- Meets and greets all teams, coaches, and officials, and escorts them to locker rooms as applicable.
- Works with custodians, coaches, and building administration to prepare the site *if needed*. This includes, but is not limited to bleachers, score tables, score clock, player seating etc.
- Works with the athletic trainer to secure proper setup *as needed*.
- Helps to set police, security, and faculty supervision coverage *as needed*.
- In the absence of the Athletic Director, the Lead Site Supervisor will be responsible for the complete management of the competition site.
- At the conclusion of an athletic event, the Lead Site Supervisor stays on site to formally close out the event. This includes, but is not limited to, crowd control with spectators leaving the site, officials' concerns, and opposing team needs.

Additional Support Staff - \$25/hr x 300 hours per season = \$7,500 (\$22,500 total)

Site Support Staff / Clock Operator / Volleyball Linespeople

- Report to the competition site 30 minutes before game start time.
- Must be visible to the crowd and to students.
- Connects with police, security, custodians and other staff on duty.
- Assist the lead site supervisor, game staff, police and security *as needed*.
- Remain at the competition site until the visiting team has left school grounds (Site Support Staff).

Gate and Ticket Takers

- Report to the game one hour before the scheduled game time. Set up and secure gate money throughout the athletic contest. *No free admission to any game unless they are on an approved gate list, approved by the Athletic Director or Lead Site Supervisor in charge.*

Total Projected Cost Outlined Above: \$58, 500

Additional Events Requiring Staffing:

- Five home football games.
 - Three support staff members and two gate workers.
- Two Cross Country Meets.
 - Course setup and breakdown and traffic control.
- Five away football games that require a site supervisor from the visiting team. (Sites that I have been to over the last three years: Bloomfield, Groton, Windham, Waterbury, Weston, Southbury, Newtown, Monroe, Redding, Bethel, etc.)
- SWC and CIAC Away Playoff Games. (Sites that I have been to in the last three years: Canton, Burlington, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Clinton, North Branford, Cromwell, Fairfield, New Haven, etc.)
- All home and select away basketball games.
- Ice hockey games at Danbury Ice Arena.
- Home Wrestling Tournaments.
- Weekend and Holiday Events. (Approximately 20-25 dates per year)