

Proposal to Establish a District Wrestling Program

Sanford-Fritch Independent School District

Executive Summary

This proposal recommends the establishment of a competitive wrestling program within Sanford-Fritch ISD beginning in the upcoming academic year. Wrestling is a high-accountability sport that develops mental toughness, discipline, resilience, and work ethic—traits that positively impact student achievement and character development.

Currently, **40 student-athletes** have expressed interest in participating. Additionally, it is anticipated that approximately **10 student-athletes currently attending local schools for wrestling would return to Sanford-Fritch ISD**, generating an estimated **\$60,000 annually in Average Daily Membership (ADM) funding**.

After accounting for annual operational costs, the program is projected to generate a **net positive financial impact of approximately \$30,000 annually** for the district.

Program Rationale

Wrestling offers:

- Individual accountability within a team structure
- Improved student attendance and academic motivation
- Increased extracurricular participation
- Enhanced school pride and community engagement
- Opportunities for college scholarships and postsecondary advancement

Establishing a wrestling program aligns with the district’s mission to provide diverse extracurricular opportunities that foster student growth and achievement.

Student Participation

- **Current Sign-Ups:** 40 student-athletes
- **Projected Returning Students:** 10 additional students
- **Total Potential Participation:** 50 athletes

This level of participation supports a full varsity and junior varsity program.

Staffing Plan

The program will require three coaches:

- **Head Coach:** Will Baldwin
- **Assistant Coach:** Brandon Bennett
- **Assistant Coach:** Luckie Hughes

Annual Coaching Costs

Position	Compensation
Head Coach	\$2,500 + \$4,250
Assistant Coach	\$4,250
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Annual Program Budget \$2,500

Total Annual Cost \$17,750

Start-Up Costs (Year 1 Only)

Item	Cost Calculation	Total
Singlets	\$60 × 50	\$3,000
Headgear	\$50 × 50	\$2,500
Sweatpants	\$34 × 50	\$1,700
Sweatshirts	\$41 × 50	\$2,050
Practice Mats	Donated	\$0
Wrestling Shoes	Athlete Provided	\$0
Competition Shorts	Athlete Provided	\$0

Estimated Start-Up Total: \$9,250 – \$10,000

Financial Impact

Annual Costs

- Coaching & Program Budget: **\$17,750**

Projected Revenue

- 10 Returning Students × \$6,000 ADM = **\$60,000 annually**

Net Financial Impact

- $\$60,000 - \$17,750 = \sim\$42,250$ **annual surplus**
 - After accounting for first-year startup costs, the district still realizes a positive financial gain.
 - Estimated long-term net gain: **$\sim\$30,000+$ annually**
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Implementation Timeline

Spring–Summer

- Board approval
- Order uniforms and equipment
- Finalize schedules and facilities

Fall

- Preseason conditioning
- Parent meeting and compliance paperwork

Winter

- Official season competition begins
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Facilities & Equipment

- Practice mats secured through donation
 - Existing district athletic facilities will be utilized
 - Minimal facility modifications required
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Evaluation & Success Metrics

Program success will be measured through:

- Participation numbers
 - Student academic eligibility rates
 - Attendance rates of participants
 - Retention of returning students
 - Competitive performance benchmarks
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Conclusion

The addition of a wrestling program provides:

- A high-impact extracurricular opportunity
- Strong student interest and immediate participation
- A financially responsible investment
- A projected positive net revenue for the district

With demonstrated student demand and clear financial benefits, the establishment of a wrestling program represents both an educational and fiscal opportunity for Sanford-Fritch ISD.

Recommendation:

Approve funding and implementation of the Sanford-Fritch ISD Wrestling Program beginning in the upcoming academic year.