



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: Off Campus Physical Activity Agency
Certification for Middle School

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Additional Agency
List 2026-2027

CONSENT ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with 19 TAC 74.12(b)(6)(C)(iii), the required 1.0 state graduation credit for physical education may be earned through participation in an appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity program conducted on or off campus as long as it is approved by the commissioner of education. NEISD offers Category I substitutions as part of the Off Campus Physical Activity program for high school students who participate in at least 15 hours a week of Olympic-level, highly intensive, professional, supervised training and/or competition.

NEISD has historically extended this substitution to middle school students by participating in private leagues or clubs that provide structured activities as defined by 19 TAC 103.1003 as a substitution for physical activity for middle school students. The Agencies included on the Recommended Agency List have completed NEISD's rigorous application process to ensure their activities meet the following minimum requirements:

- The activity is based on the grade appropriate movement, physical activity and health, and social development strands of the essential knowledge and skills for physical education; and
- The activity is organized and monitored by appropriately trained instructors who are part of a program that has been certified by the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Middle school students approved to participate in the Off Campus Physical Activity (OCPA) program are provided the opportunity to continue competing in Olympic-level activities not offered by the district as part of the regular school day. These agencies have completed the rigorous application process to demonstrate that their facility and instructors are of exceptional quality and the activities provided are based on the grade appropriate movement, physical activity and health, and social development strands of the essential knowledge and skills for middle school physical education.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees certify the agencies listed on the Recommended Agency List to provide structured activities for middle school students who have been approved to participate in the Off Campus Physical Activity program.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval