

Recommendation to approve

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the BESD Board of Education approve the participation in the UHSAA of E-Sports at both Bear River and Box Elder High Schools for the school year 2025-2026 including the associated fees for participation and increasing in the program in the future as interest dictates.

Recommended Motion:

I move that we approve the participation in the UHSAA of E-Sports at both Bear River and Box Elder High Schools for the school year 2025-2026 including the associated fees for participation and increasing in the program in the future as interest dictates

Background:

[E-sports General Information](#)

[State Website:](#)

Policy Implications:

none

Financial Implications: (Approximately)

Both Box Elder High School and Bear River High School will hire a head coach and an assistant coach.

Approximate costs per School:

Head Coach = \$3500, Asst Coach= \$2100 Total Cost: \$5600 plus benefits

Draft of [updated salary schedule](#):

[Spending Plan for BEHS E-Sports](#)

[Spending Plan for BRHS E-Sports](#)

Transportation:

It would only be required for the state competition. Possibly 2-3 other times in the fall offseason. Otherwise, all contests are done virtually from each individual school location.

Equipment costs for computers:

Using current computer lab computers. We have everything right now. Possible future expenses may include: Consoles (approx \$500 each, 3 minimum), Games (approx \$120, we buy two copies of a game that costs \$60), controllers (\$60 each).

Staff Implications:

Since E-sports has been an approved club for several years, coaches/advisors are already in place so no additional staff is required.

Other Information:

It is proposed that for now, freshmen do not participate for the first year but we can use them if we have room.

As of now there are 3 games with the UHSAA: (Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart Deluxe, Rocket League). Each team for a game consists of 4-5 players including alternates. So there will be a tryout process to see who fills those roles. Currently Ken Garff sponsors an offseason for Esports in the fall where they are committing \$1500 dollars to BEHS.