

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this 21st day of January, 2025, by and between the Board of Education of Putnam County Unit School District No. 535, Putnam County, Illinois ("Putnam County") and the Board of Education of Hall High School District No. 502, Bureau County ("Hall").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Hall and Putnam County school districts wish to enter into a cooperative agreement for an IHSA football program in accordance to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, the school districts are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch 127, Par. 741 et seq;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Cooperative Program - The school districts agree to form a cooperative program for their football team for grades 9 through 12.
2. Term - This agreement shall be in effect for the 2025-26 school year as well as the 2026-27 school year and shall commence upon the end of the 2026-27 school year.
3. Renewal - This agreement may be renewed only with the approval of the involved Boards of Education.
4. Amendment - This agreement may not be amended or modified unless such agreement or modification is in writing and approved by the involved Boards of Education.
5. Administrative District – Hall shall serve as administrative district for the term of this agreement.
6. Costs - The administrative district, unless specifically accepted in another paragraph of this agreement, shall pay all expenses of the program. **After a full accounting, Putnam County shall reimburse the administrative district on a pro-rata share based on the number of participants from each school.**
 - a. The administrative district shall pay the costs of hosting football games including workers.
 - b. The administrative district shall pay the officials.
 - c. Transportation costs to games shall be paid by the administrative district.
 - d. Transportation to practice will be the cost and responsibility of each school.

- e. The Administrative District retains autonomy in capital and/or facility projects.

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7. Coaches – Coaches will be the employees of the administrative district. The administrative district will be responsible for hiring and payment of the head coach and five assistant coaches as outlined in the Hall High School District extracurricular stipend schedule. Preference will be that at least one coach is from or recommended by the Putnam County District. **After a full accounting, Putnam County shall reimburse the administrative district on a pro-rata share based on the number of participants from each school.** Volunteer coaches can be appointed at the discretion of the administrative district.
8. Transportation - Transportation to practice and home games and any related costs will be the responsibility of each school. A departure site will be agreed upon for each road game.
9. Policies - Training rules and eligibility standards will be established and enforced at each school. Collection and checking of athletic physicals and insurance will be the responsibility of each school.
10. Game Supervision and Workers - Game supervision and workers will be provided by the administrative district. The administrative district will provide officials.
11. Equipment - Uniforms will be the responsibility of the administrative district.
12. Insurance - Insurance, both liability and accident, is the responsibility of each school.
13. Senior-Parent Recognition - A combined senior-parent recognition program will be held at the last regular season home game of the cooperative.
14. Awards Night - A combined awards program for the cooperative will be held at the conclusion of the season.

