
Ferris Boys Basketball

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Board Agenda Item

27th March 2025

Rationale:

Ferris Basketball has been invited to compete in the 2025 Great Plains Invitational Tournament. The Yellowjackets have been invited due to Coach McGee being a former Lawton Public Schools athlete and coach recognized in their Hall of Honor. Also having coached two of three current LPS Head Coaches. The Yellowjackets will have a chance to compete against teams from southern Oklahoma as well as Tulsa, OK before their district play in Texas to help prepare for State Champion Kennedale. Playing in front of 2,000 plus fans is something that no other event can replicate for our program except the State Tournament. Our goal is to give our student athletes the opportunity to play in the most competitive situations to help us reach post season goals in 2026.

2025 Expenses

1. Lodging: Provided by Lawton Public Schools (Up to 8 rooms)
2. Meals: Per Diem \$22.00 per day for students and coaches. 14 students and 5 coaches.
 - \$6 breakfast, \$8 lunch, \$8 dinner for three days (Total 19: \$1,254.00)
 - Lawton Public School is also providing Team Dinners each night
3. Transportation: Ferris ISD Athletics Bus. Additional Fuel, outside of pre-trip fuel.
 - \$500.00 of Boys Basketball activity money used to purchase fuel for the trip.
4. Miscellaneous: \$400.00 of Boys Basketball activity money for any recreational activities.

Cost to District

2025 Expenses: Lodging is being sponsored by the host district (Up to 8 rooms). Meal allowance for the travel party was \$1,254.00 per diem. Total district Hotel/M meal budget cost in 2025 (\$1,254.00). Projected 2025 cost to Boys Basketball \$900.00 for fuel responsibility and recreational activity (Team Building). Currently, Ferris Basketball account closed the current fiscal year with a balance of \$9,280.39 This balance does not reflect 2025 summer camp deposits or 2025 Fall fundraisers.

Goal

Since the creation of 6A, Ferris has been placed in 4A and has seen itself competing in a region with arguably the best basketball in the state of Texas. With our projected growth, we hope to position ourselves and pace with other competitive programs in our area that already play regionally and nationally (DISD, Lancaster, Desoto, etc). Ferris is a program that has seen itself as a perennial power in 3A with a state championship, state runner up, and 8 regional tournament appearances between Harrison and Rogers. In conversation with them, the culture of playing the most competitive basketball possible is imperative. Most kids don't have the financial resources to play club on a regular basis and we no longer have the courts in the flats. It is our goal to create opportunities for our kids and continue the tradition of Ferris. Tough, Competitive, and Industrious kids that come from humble, hard working families. These experiences inspire our kids to pursue goals and have scholastic ambitions outside of Ferris to eventually come back to benefit Ferris.

GREAT PLAINS INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
DECEMBER 11TH , 12TH, & 13TH

2025 CONTRACT FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS
(Make in Duplicate)

We, **LAWTON** Public Schools, party of the first part and _____

_____ Public Schools, party of the second part, do this

_____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year), contract for games in a

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT to be played as follows:

Great Plains Invitational Basketball Tournament

One game on **December 11th, 2025 @ TBA**

One game on **December 12th, 2025 @ TBA**

One game on **December 13th, 2025 @ TBA**

Both parties agree that the rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association are a part of this contract and that the suspension or termination of membership in this association of either party shall render this contract null and void. Provided that this contract shall not be binding on either party unless a copy, properly signed, is returned to the party of the first part by **April 4, 2025**.

Upon signature of this contract, the party of the second part agrees to pay **\$500** to the party of the first part, in the event of cancellation by the party of the second part.

LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS By: _____ (Supt., Prin., or A.D.)
Party of the First Part

Party of the Second Part **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** By: _____ (Supt., Prin., or A.D.)

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