

# Joint Intergovernmental Agreement

For

## A Cooperative Athletic Boys' Football Team between Ridgeview High School and Lexington High School

For and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained within, the Ridgeview High School and Lexington High School becoming parties to this agreement, hereby mutually promise and agree to the following stipulations and conditions. The agreement is for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

1. **Name:** The official name of the cooperative teams will be the **Ridgeview/Lexington Football Coop.**
2. **Terms of the agreement:**
  - a. **Host school:** Ridgeview High School will be designated the host school to the Illinois High School Association.
  - b. **Schedule of Contests:** Ridgeview High School shall have the responsibility of scheduling and contracting officials (HOIC handles this responsibility).
    - i. Lexington High School will continue to host 2 home football games each year.
    - ii. Ridgeview High School will host 2 or 3 home football games each year depending on the cycle.
  - c. **Colors & Mascot/Nickname:** The official name will be **Ridgeview/Lexington Football Coop.** The colors will remain Ridgeview colors and the mascot will be the Mustangs.
  - d. **Awards, Letters and Banquets:** Awards night will be held each year at Ridgeview High School. Athletes will be honored according to their respective schools' awards system.
  - e. **Student-Athlete Registration:** Registration for the season will remain open until the conclusion of the second Monday of student attendance.
  - f. **Equipment:** The Ridgeview High School coaches will purchase, inventory, identify, and store the uniforms and equipment. Lexington ~~also~~ will provide 45% of the cost for new uniforms. If significant equipment purchases are needed due to participation numbers, both Athletic Directors will discuss jointly paying for new equipment.
  - g. **Transportation:** Both schools will be responsible for transporting their student-athletes to practices by the set time (4:00 - 6:30 pm). The transportation of student-athletes to contests will be agreed upon by both schools Athletic and Transportation Directors.
  - h. **Financial:**
    - i. The school where the event is held is responsible for all expenses at those contests and will retain any proceeds from the event.
    - ii. Ridgeview will pay the entry fees for the contests.
  - i. **Athletic Fees:** Ridgeview and Lexington students will pay a participation fee to their respective schools.
  - j. **Training Rules/Eligibility:** Student-athletes will follow the eligibility rules and Student-Athlete Code of Conduct guidelines, established by IHSA and their respective schools.
  - k. **Physical exams:** Each student-athlete will be responsible for his own physical exam.
  - l. **Staff Passes:** Staff members from both schools will be allowed in free to home football games. School passes will also be honored at both locations.
  - m. **Practice Schedules:** Practices, both preseason and regular season, will be determined by the Head Coach and both Athletic Directors. The tentative regular season practice schedule will be 4:00 - 6:30 pm.
  - n. **Coaching:** Ridgeview will be responsible for hiring and compensating the head coach and two assistant coaches. Lexington will hire and compensate at least one coach but no more than two coaches.
  - o. **Cheerleading:** Lexington will operate as the "Host School" for Football Sideline Cheer. Practice schedule will be determined by the Head Coach and both Athletic Directors. Transportation will be agreed upon

by both schools Athletic and Transportation Directors. Apparel/Uniforms needed to outfit the cheerleaders on gameday will be jointly purchased between both schools.

- p. **Evaluation:** The home school athletic director will conduct the formal evaluation of coaches employed by their district. This evaluation will be completed in collaboration with the host-school athletic director, who will provide input based on in-season observations and team management. Final documentation will be shared between both athletic directors and kept in accordance with district personnel policies.
- q. **Band:** The team hosting the game will have its band perform the halftime show of the varsity game.
- r. **Paperwork on File:** Prior to any type of practice, each student-athlete must have all required documents on file with their respective school. These requirements can be found in each school's handbook.

**3. Approval:** Approved and signed

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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President, Ridgeview CUSD #19 Board of Education

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President, Lexington CUSD #7 Board of Education

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Superintendent, Ridgeview CUSD #19

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