



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

9C. Action

Date: July 16, 2007

SUBJECT: GRANTING PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVERS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT THE DISTRICT OFFERS

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- TAC code 74.11, board policy EHAC and EIF provide Keller ISD with the ability to grant waivers for Physical Education waivers. KISD considers PE waiver requests for students in grades 7 – 12.
- KISD procedures state that students are eligible to apply for a waiver if they are involved in activities that the district does not offer ex. ballet, fencing, equestrian etc.
- Students that participate in outside activities that the district also offers are not eligible for a waiver.
- A family has asked the district to consider allowing waivers to be granted for outside (club) activities that the district also offers.

Administrative Considerations:

The district has not allowed waivers to be granted for outside activities that the district offers for the following reasons.

- The district hires and trains quality staff and provides quality programs.
- KISD coaches welcome the opportunity to work with club coaches in an effort to create a safe and challenging practice and competition plan for the athlete. Examples of this cooperative effort exist in sports such as soccer, swimming, gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track and field.
- Granting waivers for programs that the district offers may eliminate some athletes from participating in our middle school and high school programs

Considerations that the district (coaches) offer in cases like these.

- Work with the club coach and family to create a practice environment that will not adversely affect the athlete's safety and/or performance.
- Work with the club coach and family to create a competition schedule that will not adversely affect the athlete's safety and/or performance.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees only offer Physical Education Waivers for activities that KISD does not offer.

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