

# East Minico 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football





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# The National Federation of State High School

**Associations says:** Considering the benefits, at such small proportions of overall school district budgets, school activity programs are one of the most effective investments being made in secondary school education programs today.

BETTER EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

ENHANCED SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT AND SENSE OF BELONGING

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/LIFE SKILLS

HEALTHIER BEHAVIORS

POST HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE RESULTS

DEVELOPING BETTER CITIZENS

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS





2002  
Changed to Middle School

Prior to 2002  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade football



# 8<sup>th</sup> grade football only from 2002-2016

7<sup>th</sup> Grade football was conducted by the MCYCFL since 1998.  
Not until the last few years did we provide transportation to the 7<sup>th</sup>  
grade away games.

Just prior to implementing 7<sup>th</sup> grade football, here is what we had at East Minico: **ALL PAID WITH FUNRAISER \$\$,**

- 1 set of 40 Russell home jerseys.
- 1 set of 40 Russell away jerseys.
- 1 set of 40 black practice pants with pads built in.
- 1 set of 40 purple game pants.
- 1 set of 40 girdles and girdle pads for games.
- 40 shoulder pads
- 30 functional purple Adams helmets (expire in 2019 & 2020) 1sm, 11med, 20 lg, 1xl
- 36 purple Xenith Helmets (expire in 2023) 1sm, 14med, 15 lg, 6xl
- The large and XL helmets only fit a few of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders

# What we acquired from MCYCFL:

- 35 pair of smaller shoulder pads
- 50 pair of white practice pants with built in pads.
- No helmets because we thought we had purple helmets that would fit.

# What we bought for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders out of East's budget:

- 50 purple home jerseys \$1250.
- 29 Purple game pants with pads built in. \$793.50
- 12 Schutt purple helmets \$1140.40
- 4 Xenith purple helmets \$639.96
- 3 footballs \$137.97
- Referees for Four home games \$500
  
- Total \$4461.83



# Equipment Rudy bought with fundraising money:

- 50 white visitor jerseys. \$1250
- 28 game pants with pads built in. \$793.50
- Stickers for helmets \$375
- Total \$2418.50



Total Amount Purchased For East

**\$6880.33**

Transportation was an additional

**\$850**

# Financial oversights/unknowns in the Decision

- The anticipated number of 7<sup>th</sup> graders out for Football
- Most of the previously acquired helmets do not fit most 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The addition of South Hills MS to the conference on the overall athletic budget. \$660 for officials, \$1068 for transportation
- The increased price of A to B transportation.





Most believe that integrating 7<sup>th</sup> grade football into our schools was the right decision.

- Only three 7<sup>th</sup> grade schools were left in the MCYCFL and the conference schools were beginning to refuse competition with MCYCFL teams.
- More students get involved when it is sponsored by the school.



# Proposal for this 2017 year:

- The district pay for the initial implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> grade football.
- When we are making budgetary decisions ask, “Where do we get the most bang for the buck?” and distribute accordingly.

# For Next Year...IF...

- If 45+ athletes come out for football, We are due to get some new 8<sup>th</sup> grade football jerseys. The 74 Russell jerseys (home and away) that we have are nine years old. If Russell still makes that model, we will add what we need. If not, we will likely add to number of 7<sup>th</sup> grade uniforms we purchased this year so that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wear the same uniforms.
- We will offer to buy a cheaper jersey. If the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wants an upgrade, they can use their fundraiser money to pay the difference.
- One other possibility, cut some of the team next year.
- We will buy 7 new helmets each year to replace the helmets over a 10 year period. The helmets will be interchangeable per team.





## Next Year (cont.)

- There were only 14 sixth graders (next year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders) out for football this year in the MCYCFL.
- Soccer uniforms will be the next mass uniform purchase. We may have the students put their names on the back and have them buy their own, if they would like.
- Other unknowns include gas prices, the number of participants, the amount of gate income, the amount of drivers in the district and in the schools.