

SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM: SPORTS MERGERS

1. School administration shall not forward a request from another school district for a sports merger unless the following criteria are met:
 - a. The coach, Athletic Director and Superintendent of Schools support the request.
 - b. There shall be no additional cost to the Ogdensburg City School District for participation of students in another school district seeking to participate on an OFA sports team.
 - c. No OFA student trying out for the team shall be prohibited from playing on the team. However, if a merger is approved the coach reserves the right to move an OFA student to a team at a lower level for which the student is eligible if they believe the student's skill level warrants such a move.
 - d. Playing time will still continue to be at the coach's professional discretion, based upon the skill level of the athlete.
2. The Board of Education maintains the right to deny a request for a sports merger even if the criteria listed above are met.
3. The Board of Education reserves the right to restrict participation in a sports merger to students in another school district who have participated in the past at OFA in the sport for which a merger is requested. Every effort will be made to allow a student from another school district who has played a sport at OFA to continue as a team member in that sport if they are in good standing and if their home school makes the request for a sports merger.
4. The Board of Education reserves the right to assess a fee to a school district whose students play on an OFA athletic team.