

OLD BUSINESS
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Report No. 1

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Second Review of New Board of Education Policy # 7421:
Sports Mergers

DATE: October 19, 2015

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education must review and approve all policies and regulations of the Ogdensburg City School District.

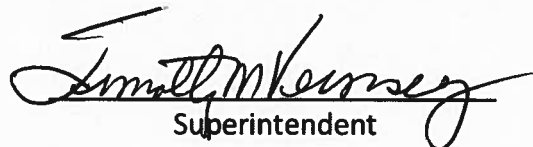
FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Board of Education must establish criteria for sports merger requests from other school districts to allow out-of-district students to play on OFA athletic teams. The Board of Education also reserves the right to assess a fee to a school district whose students play on an OFA athletic team.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary – Second Review of New Board of Education Policy # 7421: Sports Mergers

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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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 if they believe the student's skill level warrants such a move.
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 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.
 - a) Ensuring that its players' equipment is safe and operates within the applicable manufacturers' guidelines;
 - b) Ensuring that all home fields, courts, pools, tracks, and other areas where athletes practice, warm-up, or compete are safe and appropriate for use; and
 - c) Providing professional development and training opportunities for all coaching staff.