

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 1

**OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK**

SUBJECT: Final Review and Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policy
7421 Sports and the Athletic Program: Sports Mergers

DATE: November 7, 2016

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. Mr. Carl Norman, Director of Interscholastic Athletics, Section 10, has made several suggestions to add information to the district's current Board of Education Policy # 7421: Sports and the Athletic Program: Sports Mergers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by _____ and supported by _____
that, having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt the Revised Board of Education Policy #7421 Sports and the Athletic Program: Sports Mergers, this 7th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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Attachment

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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 sports 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. Note: the criteria listed above in #1 & #3 must be utilized in the decision making process.~~ **Since the requesting district has to request a merger on a yearly basis, the Board of Education will review merger requests on a yearly basis to determine if it is in the best interest of the district for the merger to continue.**
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