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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Report No. 1

## OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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Final Review and Adoption of New Board of Education Policy

#7421: Sports Mergers

DATE:

December 21, 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:**

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 New Board of Education Policy #7421: Sports Mergers, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

Superintendent

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**Students** 

## 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.

Ogdensburg City School District Adoption Date: December 21, 2015