

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 3

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Review and Discussion of Revised Board of Education  
Policy #7421 Sports and the Athletic Program: Sports Mergers

DATE: July 5, 2017

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary – Review and Discussion of Revised Board of Education Policy # 7421: Sports and the Athletic Program: Sports Mergers

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
Superintendent

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Attachment

**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. If a merger request is recommended for adoption it is understood that there shall be no cuts of OFA students by coaches within the sports program.
  - d. If a merger, in a particular sport, is requested by more than one school it shall be the practice of the district that all school's requests will be honored. If the number of athletes from the schools exceeds an acceptable limit, all requests will be denied.
  - e. Playing time will still continue to be at the coach's professional discretion, based upon the skill level of the athlete. (Playing time will continue to be a non-negotiable item and will be determined at the coach's professional discretion, based upon their own team rules in conjunction with the Ogdensburg City School District Code of Conduct).
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. 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.
4. The Board of Education reserves the right to assess a fee to a school district whose students play on an OFA athletic team. This will be based on the OFA billing formula for "merger students".

Ogdensburg City School District Adoption Date: December 21, 2015  
Ogdensburg City School District Re-Adoption Date: November 7, 2016