

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Sports Merger for the 2021-2022 School Year with Canton Central School District (Girls Varsity Hockey)

DATE: May 10, 2021

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

In support of the Ogdensburg City School District's decision to share services, the District has requested consideration of a sports merger for Girls Varsity Hockey with the Canton Central School District. The coaches, Athletic Director and Superintendent of Schools support this request.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Ogdensburg City School District would like Canton Central School District to consider a request for a sports merger in Girls Varsity Hockey for the 2021-2022 school year. If approved, the Ogdensburg City School District would file the proper forms with Section X.

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 approve the sports merger request with the Canton Central School District in Girls Varsity Hockey for the 2021-2022 school year, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

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Attachment

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**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

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1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:

OFA does not offer Girls Varsity Ice Hockey. OFA would like to request a merger with Canton High School for the Sport of Girls Varsity Ice Hockey (2021-2022). OFA and Canton High School has a very good relationship in the sport of Girls Varsity Ice Hockey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE OCSD

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

HOST SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
Canton	275	16	16 (4 from OFA)
REQUESTING SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
OFA	366	3-5 Players	16 (4 from OFA)

**Original Team Classification/Division**  
Section X Division

**Classification/Division with Combined School(s)**  
Section X Division

3. What name will the team use? Canton High School  
 4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? William Porter

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? OFA will pay merger fees.

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Financial obligations, if any, will be paid directly by the school or a school organization.

5. Which school will be responsible for awards? Canton High School  
 Which school will be responsible for game/contest transportation? Canton High School  
 Which school will be responsible for the coach? Canton High School

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? Canton High School

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ Level, during the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

Keri K. Kurland  
 Signature of the **Requesting Superintendent\***

5/3/2021  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of the **Host Superintendent**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**COMBINING of SCHOOLS POLICY:** As per NYSPHSAA Handbook,  
*Section 10 form required <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Classifications>*

1. The joining together of students from two or more schools shall be permitted for the following reasons provided certain criteria are established and substantiated:
  - a. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports.
  - b. Fiscal problems that force school districts to curtail or eliminate interscholastic programs.
  - c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
  - d. Declining enrollments.
  - e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.
2. Special factors that need local consideration:
  - a. United and consistent decisions on the following details are mentioned for those who may be considering combinations. This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations:
    - (1) Transportation - how, when, where, etc.
    - (2) Medical information - common student medical forms
    - (3) Insurance - similar or the same
    - (4) Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes
    - (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
    - (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
    - (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
    - (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)  
*\*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?\**
  - b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.
3. Listed procedures for combinations:
  - a. Schools seeking to combine must be dues paying members of NYSPHSAA and Section X.
  - b. All schools in a combination must have Board of Education approval.
  - c. All schools in a combination must have approval of the league. (If not a member of a league, apply directly to Section X).
  - d. The Athletic Director of the host school is responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the Section X office prior to the start of the respective sport season.
  - e. A master copy of all completed merger/combined school applications will be provided to the Athletic Council & Sports Coordinator prior to each sports season.
  - f. The Section X Athletic Council will make the final decision and forward its decision to the applying school or schools as well as the NYSPHSAA. *\*Extensions beyond the date maybe considered by the Executive Committee on a case by case. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.*
  - g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

- h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.
- i. The application deadline for all merger/combined school applications:

Fall August 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter November 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring March 1st.

- 4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.