

## **Lafayette County School District Procedure for Adding a New Sport**

Students, teachers, staff, or parents may initiate the process for establishing a new sport or expanding an existing sport to another level. The following procedures will apply:

- All requests to establish a new sport or expand an existing sport to another level will initially be presented to the Lafayette County School District Athletic Director.
- The Athletic Director will take the request to the school Principal for comment and approval for consideration.
- If the Principal approves the request for consideration, the Principal or designee forwards the request to the Superintendent, with his/her comments.
- The Superintendent, Principal, and Athletic Director gather information about each of the elements for consideration of the proposal for approval or disapproval. The following elements are examined when considering the approval of a new sport or the expansion of an existing sport:
  1. Liability and safety
  2. Compatibility with LCSD policies and regulations
  3. Compliance with the Title IX and other applicable state and federal laws
  4. Availability of practice and game facilities and space
  5. Availability of local, same-level competition
  6. Time and duration of season
  7. Appropriateness for student group
  8. Demonstrated need/interest in the new activity
  9. Availability to attract new athletic participants
  10. Timeliness of the request in relation to the LCSD budget cycle and expense to District and participants
  11. Availability of staff, including quality coaches and trainers
  12. Availability of adequate administrative supervision
  13. Sustainability over time
  14. Availability of transportation

The Superintendent, Principal, and Athletic Director will make the final decision on whether the request will go before the school board.

Contact:

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**Lafayette County School District  
Request Form for New Sport or Team Level**

Requestor's Name	Date
Phone Number	Email Address
New Sport Requested	Level of Sport Requested (Junior High/High School)

Please use the space below for or a detailed explanation of your request.

Return request to the Lafayette County School District Athletic Director, Gary Drewrey or any Lafayette County School.

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