

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletics Plan

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When the grade reconfiguration was approved, Poudre School District indicated all district schools will offer intramural opportunities for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. **The objective of this 6<sup>th</sup>-grade athletics plan is to provide a parallel experience for 6<sup>th</sup> graders that is a stepping stone to 7<sup>th</sup>-grade athletics.**

Historically, PSD has provided 6<sup>th</sup> graders at elementary school with the opportunity to participate in the district elementary track meet. Additional 6<sup>th</sup>-grade athletic opportunities have been offered through the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department. These opportunities will remain available to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as enhancements and additional programs through a collaborative agreement between the City Recreation Department and PSD.

**PSD and the City Recreation Department are finalizing a collaborative partnership agreement that will minimize costs and maximize the use of public facilities for the ultimate benefit of the community.** Benefits include:

- The cost to participate in most City programs will be less than the current PSD 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade programs.
- Scholarship opportunities will be available to students based on financial need.
- The City will plan and organize programs, and provide program information to the schools prior to the registration periods. Schools will distribute program information to students and families.
- All City sports programs will be more aligned with school identity (i.e., school names and colors).

**The additions and enhancements the PSD/City partnership will make possible are as follows:**

- **Football** – The City will consider ways to enhance the 6<sup>th</sup> grade football program.
- **Softball** – The City will add a 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' fall league.
- **Boys' and Girls' Basketball** – The City will offer its existing programs.
- **Girls' Volleyball** – The City will offer its existing programs.
- **Wrestling** – The City will add a program to include 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades during the 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade season (October-December).
- **Track** – PSD is exploring opportunities to provide a track meet activity similar to the district elementary track meet.

As in the past, **tennis and golf** will continue to be offered to 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students as a club sport through PSD middle schools.

Discussions concerning **cross country** are currently underway between the City of Fort Collins Cross Country Club and the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department.

**Middle schools will also offer a variety of co-curricular non-athletic opportunities** for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. These programs vary by school. Parents will be encouraged to contact their child's school for additional information.

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