



Strathmore
PRIMARY SCHOOL No.4612

Strive to Achieve

YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS POLICY

RATIONALE

Sport education is concerned with further development of the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values gained through physical education. Physical Education lays down the foundations on which an effective Sport Education program are built. The desirable outcomes of a comprehensive physical education and sport education program are active recreation, skill acquisition and good sports behaviour.

AIM

The 5/6 Sport Program will:

- develop team skills
- improve sport specific skills
- increase fitness
- expose students to a variety of sports
- provide opportunities to compete
- provide opportunities to be part of a team
- promote good sports behaviour
- encourage the enjoyment of sport

CONTEXT

Year 5/6 Sport is scheduled for two consecutive hours per week. The school has opportunities throughout the year to participate in interschool sports competitions as part of the EDPSSA. Traditionally, there is a Summer season and a Winter season, with different sports being offered in each phase. In these competitions, the school may submit teams into the offered sports. The amount of teams that may be entered per sport is subject to EDPSSA consultation. Year 5/6 Sport also provides opportunities for developing and training for sports, such as those on offer in interschool sport as well as other sports that help to achieve the aims stated above. Additionally, Year 5/6 Sport also comprises training and competing in athletic events and cross-country running at various stages throughout the year.

IMPLEMENTATION

- A school representative will attend EDPSSA meetings and will disseminate information about rules, guidelines and fixtures as set out by the EDPSSA.
- On occasion, the school's PE teacher may be required, as negotiated at EDPSSA meetings, to co-ordinate an activity as part of the district's 5/6 Sport program.
- In the case of interschool sport involving teams sports:
 - Year 6 students will be involved in interschool sport, where fixtured, against other EDPSSA schools
 - Year 6 students will be able to nominate their preferences for the sporting teams on offer in a particular season (using a 1 to 4 or similar system).
 - Year 6 students will receive their first preference in at least one interschool sport season, either being Summer or Winter.
 - Teams will be selected based around consideration of student preferences, team balance, a spread of skills and abilities across all teams and individual suitability for a particular team sport.
 - Where feasible, squads for particular sports may exceed the number of players required to field a team, with rotation of players on and off the field (in line with EDPSSA rules) enabling students to have equitable playing time.
 - In the case where the number of Year 6 students wanting to do a particular sport exceeds the number of players allowed in a squad, a trial will take place, with selection being based on sporting merit and made by the teacher co-ordinating the sport in consultation with other Year 5/6 teachers and the PE teacher. In this situation, students who do not receive their first preference will be selected in a sport according to their remaining preferences, on a "best-fit" basis.
 - Year 5 students and Year 6 students not participating in an interschool sport team will be involved in planned intraschool sport (amongst their own peers from Strathmore Primary School) and training sessions. The focus of these groups will be on skill acquisition and development in sports, such as those on offer in interschool sport as well as other sports that help to achieve the aims stated above. On occasions, this program may include clinics or co-ordinating with other EDPSSA schools to run activities together.
 - Where there are insufficient numbers of Year 6 students to field full teams in interschool sport teams, Year 5 students will be able to participate in a trial to enter a team, with selection being based on sporting merit and made by the teacher co-ordinating the sport in consultation with other Year 5/6 teachers and the PE teacher.
 - Selection procedures and protocols will be effectively communicated to students with sufficient opportunities, where necessary for students to nominate preferences, participate in trials and participate in training with their selected team.
- Year 5/6 teachers in conjunction with students will develop a set of behaviour expectations for interschool and intraschool sport to ensure good sports behaviour, team participation and commitment.
- Students will observe behaviour and team participation expectations and teachers will monitor and provide feedback to students regarding these aspects.
- The Year 5/6 teachers will aim to provide all students in teams and intraschool activities with equal playing time and opportunities for varying team roles.

- All teachers will take First Aid supplies with them when off-site or have access to First Aid supplies at the venue.
- All teachers will have emergency contact details, provided by parents for each student for use in the case of a serious injury.
- All students will wear the school sports uniform or sports specific uniforms provided by the school.
- All students will observe Sunsmart policy whilst participating in 5/6 Sport.
- Mouthguards will be compulsory for football and soccer and any other sport that is deemed require dental protection as advised by the EDPSSA.
- Students will require a consent form to be signed by their parents prior to attending an off-site sporting event and will need to pay for bus fares to other schools/venues.
- Eligible families may access the “Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds” (CSEF) provided through DET and the Principal has a discretionary capacity to allocate support for pupils in situations of financial hardship.

EVALUATION

Ongoing evaluation of the Year 5/6 Sports Program will occur through feedback from staff, students, the school community and opposing school teams as well as through consideration of team results. A school representative will attend EDPSSA meetings and participate in consultation and planning regarding 5/6 Sport on a district level. It is anticipated that the policy will be reviewed after four years of implementation, however, changes as deemed necessary by the school's leadership and/or changes in District level requirements may necessitate that the policy is reviewed at an earlier time.

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THIS POLICY WAS LAST RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL ON 21ST AUGUST, 2017