



6th 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 6th grade students. **The objective of this 6th-grade athletics plan is to provide a parallel experience for 6th graders that is a stepping stone to 7th-grade athletics.**

Historically, PSD has provided 6th graders at elementary school with the opportunity to participate in the district elementary track meet. Additional 6th-grade athletic opportunities have been offered through the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department. These opportunities will remain available to all 6th 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 7th- and 8th-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, colors).

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

- **Football** – The City will consider ways to enhance the 6th grade football program.
- **Softball** – The City will add a 6th 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 4th through 6th grades during the 7th- and 8th-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 7th- and 8th-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 6th-8th grade students. These programs vary by school. Parents will be encouraged to contact their child's school for additional information.

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