

MSD of Pike Township



Athletic Framework

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MSD of Pike Township Athletic Articulation Plan

I. Mission Statement

The MSD of Pike Township believes in providing all students the opportunity for mental, physical, and emotional growth through participation in a well-developed athletic program. The athletic program is based upon active articulation involving the high school and the three middle schools, nine elementary schools, and community youth leagues. The administration, coaches, and support staff will work together to ensure that the athletic program supports and enhances the educational philosophy of Pike Township.

II. Sportsmanship

The MSD of Pike Township is committed to the practice of sportsmanship in all athletic competitions. Sportsmanship is positive behavior that stems from generosity and genuine respect for others. Sportsmanship is a team effort. The cooperation of athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, students, parents, and spectators is expected.

III. Plan of Articulation

- High School Head Coaches will provide District Athletic Directors with an articulation strategic plan for their sport. It will include a line of communication with all Middle School, Elementary, and Community Coaches in their sport. The plan will include a written manual of overall scope and progressive sequences.
- The High School Head Coach is responsible for setting up sport-specific meetings, communicating dates and times for the meetings, as well as for providing guidelines for sports conduct in the district. Meetings are to be conducted three times a year: pre-season, in-season, and post-season.
- The High School Coach will provide information for clinics and camps for coaches and student athletes. All Coaches will promote and support continued development of Athletes and Coaches.
- The Middle School Athletic Directors will exchange with the High School Athletic Directors game and practice schedules. The Athletic Directors will then in turn provide information to their coaches.

When possible, elementary and community league coaches will provide practice and competition schedules directly to middle and high school coaches.

- The High School Head Coaches and staff will attend some middle school competitions and practices. High school and middle school coaches will make efforts to visit elementary and community league practices and competitions.
- The Middle School Athletic Directors will utilize input from high school coaches, as requested, for staffing coaching positions with non-staff personnel.
- Special visitation and recognition days, tournaments, parent meetings, and other special programs will be conducted collaboratively between the high school, middle schools, elementary, and community leagues to encourage and promote loyalty and pride in Pike Athletic Programs.
- It is the responsibility of all the Pike Township Coaches and support staff to cooperate with the above guidelines.

District Athletic Plan Priorities

The collective thinking and development work of the Pike Athletic community has resulted in twelve priorities that will give direction to the Pike Athletic programs. The priorities are presented as follows:

Linear Organization

- **Create** a structural organization of the Pike athletic program that provides fluent progressive flow from the elementary and grassroots athlete to the well-trained interscholastic high school athlete.
- **Identify** areas of responsibilities within the structure.
- **Develop** goals and objectives consistent with the framework of the District Mission Statement and District Athletic Articulation Plan.

Staffing

- **Define** coaching and other support positions
- **Develop** coaching and support staff training responsibilities that lead to good skill and character development in Pike Township youth.

- **Develop and implement** an active and inclusive staffing plan consistent with current coaching methods.

Talent Identification and Retention

- **Identify** youth and encourage participation in the Pike athletic programs at all levels of sport within the township.
- **Develop** a retention program that allows Pike youth to realize their goals within Pike Township from K thru 12.
- **Provide** an active plan for inclusion for all willing participants.

Fitness and Skill Development

- **Develop** organized and systemic methods for training fitness, skills, and abilities of Pike Township youth.
- **Provide** quality instruction and planning for youth that demonstrate special skills for advanced levels of participation in Pike Athletic Programs.

Competition Game Plans

- **Encourage** a sport-specific district-wide collaboration between coaches, administrators, youth/community league leaders, and sport promoters.
- **Develop** a collaborative and township inclusive plan for the teaching of philosophy, goals, and objectives used in competition game strategies.

Academic Plan

- **Develop** a philosophical, practical, and collaborative approach to the development and maintenance of high academic standards.
- **Encourage and promote** the best academic achievements from youth participating in the Pike athletic program.

Character Development

- **Develop** a philosophical, practical, and collaborative approach to the development of high moral values, good civic standards, and exemplary behavior in youth participating in Pike youth programs.
- **Encourage, promote, and model** good character application by all participants at all opportunities.

Parental Involvement

- **Encourage and promote** to the fullest extent a partnership with parents and guardians by school sport leaders and community sport leaders for the support of Pike athletic programs.
- **Encourage, promote, and develop** methods for volunteer participation in organized groups and activities.

Equipment and Facility Planning

- **Develop** collaborative methods for all users for the maintenance caretaking of athletic facilities.
- **Develop** an efficient and equitable usage plan specifically to address the needs of all identified users of Pike athletic facilities.
- **Provide** a progressive plan for Pike facility and equipment improvement, procurement, and development that accommodates current rules, regulations, and guidelines.
- **Provide** planning for facilities and equipment that will be cooperative with neighboring school districts and conference member schools.

Community Involvement

- **Encourage and promote** participation in community service projects and student leadership/mentoring programs.
- **Encourage** patterns of support for sports programs by all participants outside of a specific sport involvement.

Public Relations

- **Promote and market** the positive image of Pike Athletic Programs throughout the local community and the State of Indiana.
- **Form and maintain** relationships and work constructively within the sports organizations and agencies of Indiana and the United States such as: National Federation of High School Sports, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Sport National Governing Bodies, Indiana Sports Corporation, Circle City Classic, Coaching Organizations, Official Organizations.

Administration

- **Strengthen and maintain** a collaborative and supportive relationship within and among the Pike School Administrators and Pike Township Sport Leaders.
- **Facilitate** a unified communication, input, and decision-making process between school and community sports leaders for the benefit of all participants of sports in the Pike School District and Township.