



Interscholastic Athletics Program

VCSD Strategic Plan 2016



What We will Review Tonight



- Our goals for the athletic program
- Offerings and participation levels in our athletic program
- What changes or enhancements can we consider?

+ Our Goals for Athletics



- Goals for our athletic programs include:
- Offering options for sports to our students that they will enjoy and be enthusiastic about
- Building positive character traits such as hard work, teamwork, and handling challenges
- Teaching students to how to handle success and failure
- Enhancing our students' physical fitness and well being



Fall Sports Offered 2015-16 and Numbers of Participants

Sport – number of students	Sport – number of students
Varsity Cheerleading - 15	Varsity Football - 23
Modified Cheerleading - 20	Modified Football - 32
Girls' Varsity Soccer - 19	Girls' Varsity Volleyball - 9
Boys' Varsity Soccer - 20	Girls' JV Volleyball - 9
Boys' JV Soccer - 14	Varsity Cross Country - 21
Girls' JV Soccer - 20	Modified Cross Country - 5
Girls' Modified Soccer - 12	Girls' Varsity Swimming - 7
Boys' Modified Soccer - 18	Varsity Golf - 12



Fall Sports Participation Notes



- We had 256 students in grades 7-12 participate in interscholastic sports
- Girls' Tennis did not run this fall due to low interest – we were able to accommodate those students on the Boys' team
- Swimming is a merged team with Guilderland



Winter Sports Offered in 2015-16 and Numbers of Participants



Sport – number of students	Sport – number of students
Boys' Varsity Basketball - 14	Wrestling - 2
Boys' JV Basketball - 13	Boys' Swimming - 2
Boys' Freshmen Basketball - 12	Bowling - 12
Girls' Varsity Basketball - 11	Varsity Cheerleading - 19
Girls' JV Basketball - 12	JV Cheerleading - 16
	Freshmen Cheerleading - 12



Winter Sports Participation Notes



- We have 125 students participating in winter sports in 2015-16
- Swimming is a merged team with Guilderland
- Wrestling has low participation

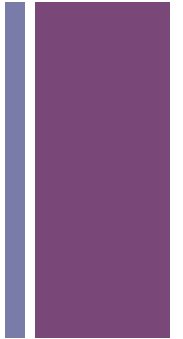


Spring 2015 Sports Offerings and Numbers of Participants



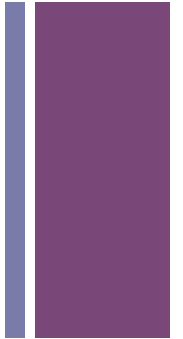
Sport – number of students	Sport – number of students
Varsity Track – 46	Varsity Softball - 11
Modified Track - 33	JV Softball - 11
Varsity Baseball - 17	Boys' Tennis - 17
JV Baseball - 16	Varsity Lacrosse - 20

+ Spring Sports Participation Notes



- 171 students participated in spring sports in 2015
- Track is our largest team of any sport

+ Coaching Positions

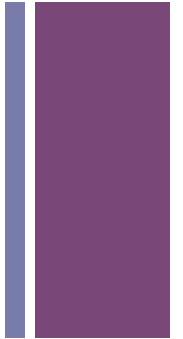


- There are a total of 31 coaching positions in our district – currently 13 are filled by teachers and 18 by non-teachers
- Coaching positions are annual positions
- All positions will be posted each year
- There are regulations regarding coaching qualifications that we must follow to be in compliance for our teams to be eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics



Qualifications for Coaches

- According to NYS law and regulations, and the regulations of the NYS Public High School Athletic Association, these qualifications are required for all coaches:
- Physical Education Teachers – coaching a secondary school sport is considered to be teaching physical education, so certified PE teachers are deemed to have the necessary qualifications and may coach any sport in any school, but must meet First Aid and CPR requirements
- Other Certified Teachers – may be hired to coach but must take courses in coaching in addition to meeting the First Aid and CPR requirements.
- Non-Teacher Coaches- may be appointed only if there are no certified teachers available with experience and qualifications to coach a team. Non-Teacher Coaches must have First Aid and CPR and must complete the coaching courses.





Challenges and Possible Enhancements



- A few of our sports teams are having difficulty with low numbers of students: examples for this school year include Girls' Tennis and Wrestling
- We should review the Varsity Athlete Exemption Policy to make sure it is up to date and appropriate
- There has been interest expressed in a possible merger with the Guilderland-Mohonasen Varsity Boys Hockey team to allow Voorheesville students to participate
- This team is currently self- funded – participants pay to play on the team
- Merger of sports teams, involves several steps, including approval by the respective boards of education, an agreement between the districts, and approval by Section 2