

2024 – 2025  
Comprehensive Extracurricular Activities  
Program  
Mid-Year Report



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# OVERVIEW

The Extracurricular Activities Program is a vital part of our students' educational experience. The program provides opportunities for the development of student interests and talents and is a gateway to new opportunities. It also provides a basis for personal values and a lifetime of work and leisure activities.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities carries with it responsibilities for students, parents, educators and the community. Extracurricular Activities offer opportunities that assist in the development of fellowship and goodwill. They promote self-realization, social and emotional growth, which encourage good citizenship and provide valuable lessons such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-discipline.

A wide variety of experiences increase the learning achievements of a child. These experiences contribute to the primary goal of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to present academically and intellectually complex tasks for each of our scholars which will translate into transferable skills. Extracurricular activities play a key role in the development of learning skills and emotional patterns that enable students to make maximum use of their education and prepare them for living in a multicultural and diverse global society.

The vision for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Extracurricular Program has been developed based on feedback from students, parents and staff. The purpose of the program is to encourage students to participate in curriculum-related recreation, and social learning, through activities that are offered on a non-discriminatory basis.

## **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the Athletics and Students Activities Department went to a digital platform to administer and collect information from principals. All athletic information was administered to athletic directors and building principals via Smartsheets which was due prior to the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Non-Traditional Extracurricular Activities are being managed by the Athletics and Student Activities office with help from the Science and Arts departments within CMSD.

As part of the recommendations from the CEAP Evaluator, Central Office Staff member Kenneth Barrett, continues to be responsible for inputting student participation into the computer. The district uses the Powerschool Computer System, which will allow online data entry and greater access to student information. School-based Athletic Directors, Advisors, Coaches and outside partners have been orientated to new forms that will contain the necessary information by which Central Office staff can document student participation.

### ***Budget and Accounting***

The Budget Division has created a separate component to track CEAP program funds in greater detail. The Budget Division also allocated a budget specialist for each school, to oversee the monetary aspects of CEAP. The Athletics and Student Activities department is now receiving more information on proper cost accounting and budget tracking for CEAP.

In order to provide more equity and to provide our students with more well-rounded field experiences, the Athletics and Student Activities department worked with a number of outside vendors. Vendors include but not limited to: The Nature Center, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Progressive Arts Alliance, Dancing Classrooms, Cleveland Classical Guitar and Center for Arts- Inspired Learning. All field experiences or in-school presentations are for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **NON-TRADITIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS FOR K-5 GRADE BANDS**

This new program collaboration is designed to establish a stronger collaboration with cultural organizations, so that extracurricular activities can be offered to all students with the goals of connecting activities to the daily curriculum and improving academic achievement. In addition to offering activities that serve as culmination events conducted at the district level and related to the activities which students engage on a routine basis at their individual schools, throughout the school year, other activities will be offered that will provide a full and comprehensive, extracurricular program at each school.

### **K-5 Non-Traditional Program Summary**

- Each school is given the same opportunities to attend field experiences (trips) sponsored by one of the partners assigned by the Athletics and Student Activities Department.
- Each partner is responsible for one grade band.
- Starting at the beginning of the school year, the designated partners contact each K-8 building to arrange field experiences (trip) with their assigned grade band.

- Immediately after the field experience (trip), the partner submits the names of the students in attendance to the Athletics and Student Activities Department via a Smartsheet.
- Students' names are entered into Powerschool by the Athletics and Students Activities Department.

## **K-8 SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS FOR GRADES 7 - 8**

Since the inception of the K-8 structure, during the 1999-2000 school year, schools have received programming on a limited basis. If schools would like to have more programming, then what is allocated, they are allowed to use their school-based budget to fund those programs. Schools form committees to determine which programs best fit the make-up of their school environment. Factors, such as available facilities for athletics, coaching personnel and ancillary costs, were taken into consideration, before each school made their choices. The ancillary costs are the average cost that schools must incur, from their School Based Management general funds accounts, to cover the yearly costs for transportation, equipment, officials, security, awards, and coaching staff. Costs may vary, depending on facility usage and practice schedule. Schools were asked to commit for three years, in order to stabilize costs and schedule events.

For the Interscholastic Athletics Program, sports seasons were established to accommodate the variation of K-8 start, and ending, times between schools:

<b>FALL</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
* Co-ed Soccer	* Boys Basketball	* Boys Track
* Volleyball	* Girls Basketball	* Girls Track

All program staff is providing competition experiences that support the basic goals of education and expands the student's physical and mental capability in their school's programs. K-8 coaches had a preseason sport specific organizational meeting, in August, and reported to work on August 21, 2023. K-8 school sports tryouts began shortly after school was in session, in August 2023.

It is the responsibility of the Interscholastic Athletics Office to create game schedule, secure sites, and officials for all sports, as well as conduct all-star meetings, coaches' in-service meetings, and championship contests. Below is the list of the K-8 champions for the first part of the school year:

### **Fall Season**

- Co-ed Soccer: Natividad Pagan
- Volleyball: Douglas MacArthur

### **Winter Season**

- Boys Basketball: TBD
- Girls Basketball: TBD

## **HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The school-based Athletic Directors and coaches, have the responsibility to develop the athlete's knowledge and skill levels in each sport. They will instruct students in the fundamental techniques and physical training in various sports. Each school will enter a team in each sport within the Senate Athletic League and Independent contests, as well as Ohio High School Athletic Association Sectional/District tournaments.

Sports offered at the high school level are:

### **Fall Season**

- \* Boys' Cross-Country
- \* Girls' Cross-Country
- \* Football
- \* Golf
- \* Soccer
- \* Girls Tennis
- \* Volleyball
- \* Girls Rugby

### **Winter Season**

- \* Boys Basketball
- \* Girls Basketball
- \* Boys Bowling
- \* Girls Bowling
- \* Swimming
- \* Indoor Track Boys
- \* Indoor Track Girls
- \* Wrestling

### **Spring Season**

- \* Boys Track
- \* Girls Track
- \* Baseball
- \* Softball
- \* Boys Tennis
- \* Boys Volleyball
- \* Girls Rugby

Building permits for all facilities have been processed for the fall and winter sports program.

Beginning with the 1998-99 school year, the Cleveland Senate Athletic League approved the formation of a one-league concept for football. By doing so, each school would play three independent football contests and a seven-game league schedule. In previous years, each Senate school played five independent games, which was a method of raising additional income to support athletic programs. To compensate for the deficit, due to the loss of three independent games, each high school with a football program will receive \$10,000; while Bard, Campus International, Garrett Morgan and Max Hayes will receive \$6,000. Schools have begun to spend allocations for programming upgrades.

### High School Interscholastic Athletics Program Summary

- \* The Fall athletic program was completed, with district-wide competitions and championships, in Senate High School Boys and Girls Cross-Country, Girls Volleyball, Football, Girls Tennis and Co-ed Golf.
- \* All 13 Senate high schools competed in the 2024 Senate Robert E. “Bump” Taylor Cross-Country Championship, with a total number of 109 student athletes. The meet was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Brookside Metro Parks. The John Hay Lady Hornets were able to dethrone the defending champs from Rhodes to take the Senate championship for the women, while Rhodes men defended their championship making them back-to-back Senate champs.
- The 2024 Senate Girls Varsity Volleyball Championship was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the East Professional Center. The John Hay Lady Hornets were crowned Senate Champions for the third straight year by defeating the Bard Lady Raptors.
- The Glenville Tarblooders were crowned the 2024 Senate Athletic League Champions, in Football for the twenty-fifth year in a row, after compiling a perfect record against all their Senate opponents. The team advanced to the Ohio High School Athletic Association football tournament, where they lost to Sandusky Perkins 13-11 in the Division IV state semi-final.
  - Along with Glenville, John Hay, John Marshall and Rhodes also qualified for the OHSAA State Playoffs. While Glenville was able to advance out of the first round, John Hay, John Marshall and Rhodes were all eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.
  - The Senate Football Championship name has changed to the Leonard B. Jackson Senate Classic. The classic was held at Bump Taylor Field and featured the John Adams Rebels battling the John F. Collinwood Railroaders, with the Rebels defeating the Railroaders to be crowned the Leonard B. Jackson Classic winners.
- The 2024 Senate Soccer Championship was held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Lowe Park Complex where the Lincoln-West Wolverines were able to defeat the two-time defending champions in John Marshall.
- The 2024 Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s Senate Girls Tennis Championship took place on Thursday, October 5, 2024, at Jefferson Park Tennis Courts. Teams participating in the Senate Girls Tennis Championship were Glenville, Rhodes, John F. Kennedy, John Marshall, Max S. Hayes and John Adams. John F Kennedy Lady Eagles were crowned Senate Champions, with a strong performance in the championship where they edged Max Hayes.
- The 2024 Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s Senate Golf Championship Tournament took place on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at Shawnee Hills Golf Course. Teams participating in the Senate Golf Championship were Glenville, Rhodes, John Hay, John Marshall, John F. Kennedy, and Lincoln West. Glenville was able to bring home the golf Senate championship with an impressive performance from the entire team.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Extracurricular Activities program is designed to provide a holistic program of activities that will help students expand, and explore, their varied areas of interest. These activities include, but are not limited to: Cheerleading, Hi-Stepping/Dance, Military Drill, Chess, High School Coed Powerlifting, Intramurals and most recently Esports.

An in-service calendar has been approved by the Commissioner of Interscholastic Athletics and Student Activities and distributed to schools. Additionally, a district-wide calendar of Student Activities events has been prepared and distributed to schools. Schools have submitted their preliminary reports and organized their programs for the school year.

Job postings and descriptions were prepared and distributed to all school buildings, by September 2023. Sponsors and advisors have been identified, and appointed, in the schools' sponsored activities.

- Pre-Season meetings have been held for Extracurricular Activities in Cheerleading, Hi-Stepper/Dance and Military Drill, Chess, Intramurals, and Esports regarding rules, guidelines, and eligibility requirements.
- The Cheerleading, Military Drill, and Hi-Stepper competitions. Each school participating in the competitions will receive a MVP Award, presented to the student, on each squad that balances academics and squad leadership. The awards will be distributed during the half-time portion of the competitions.
- Orientation meetings for the Competitions will be held during the months of January and February 2025.
- eSports held its fourth eSports championship that was held from December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland State University. Digital Arts was able to defeat John Marshall to win their second consecutive Smash Bros championship while Bard was able to win our inaugural Fortnite championship. During the spring season, all our Varsity high school eSport teams will compete against other eSports teams across the state in eSports Ohio, while some of our Junior Varsity teams will compete amongst each other.

### **K-8 and High School Chess Program**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Activities Chess Program kicked off on November 16<sup>th</sup> with our first tournament at the East Professional Center Gymnasium. The first tournament included the following K-8 and High Schools: (K-8, 6) Campus International, Denison, Newton D. Baker, Orchard, Sunbeam and Valleyview. High schools (5) – Cleveland School of the Arts, East Tech, Garrett Morgan, John Marshall and Lincoln-West. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, each school is allowed to bring as many students as they would like to every event. This has increased our student participation because in previous school years each school could only bring four students to each event.

### **Certification Classes Sponsored by the Interscholastic Athletic and Student Activities Office**

Training sessions for CMSD staff to obtain their Adult CPR with AED certification were hosted by the Athletics and Student Activities Office. This certification is needed for our coaches to obtain their Pupil Activity Permit. These trainings were held on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 and

each class was open to twenty (20) participants. The First Aid session was held virtually and was conducted by multiple members of the Cleveland Clinic medical staff on multiple dates throughout the summer.

### **Cheerleading, Hi-Stepper and Military Drill Clinics**

The Student Activities Office annually hosts cheerleading, hi-stepper and military drill clinics for K-8 and high school squads who would like to learn and improve the various technical skills needed to perfect their performances and competition routines. This year, the Athletics and Student Activities Department made the decision to host cheer camps instead of clinics as well as separating K-8 and High School cheer camps.

**K-8 & High School Cheerleading Clinic**, Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 2024 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m **118** students representing: Clara Westropp, Euclid Park, Miles Park, Nathan Hale, Orchard, Riverside, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Warer Girls Leadership Academy. Tuesday and Wednesday July 16 and 17 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; **94** students representing these High Schools: East Tech, Glenville, John F Kennedy, John Hay, John Marshall

A Military drill and Hi-stepping/Dance clinic were not held this year due to the low numbers of K-8 and high school teams.