

**ATHLETIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
LA HARPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #347**

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. This agreement is made by and between the Boards of Education of the Dallas and La Harpe Elementary School Districts for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
- B. A proposed calendar/schedule for all sports, with start dates, will be shared by July 20th each year.

2. HOSTED SPORTS

- A. Dallas City will host:
- 5th and 6th-grade Girls' Basketball
 - 5th and 6th-grade Boys' Basketball
 - 5th and 6th-grade Girls' Volleyball
 - 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade Track and Field
 - 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade Scholastic Bowl
 - 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade Cross Country
- B. La Harpe will host:
- 7th and 8th-grade Boys' Baseball
 - 7th and 8th-grade Girls' Basketball
 - 7th and 8th-grade Boys' Basketball
 - 7th and 8th-grade Girls' Volleyball
 - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Golf
- C. Hiring of coaches will be made from a pool of candidates from both school district's advertisements. Coaches will be hired by the host school.
- D. Coaches will follow the administering district's coaching guidelines and Handbook policies and the Cooperative Athletic Handbook for students.

3. TRANSPORTATION

- A. Transportation to away games will be determined by the proximity of the game site. Postseason transportation opportunities will be offered equally among both districts.
- B. Practice transportation will be shared by both districts. Transportation on Saturdays and non-attendance days will be provided and shared by both districts.

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4. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Host schools will provide payment to the coaches for the sports they host.

5. SUPERVISION

- A. Scheduling, organization for the athletic contests and officials will be the responsibility of host school.
- B. Coaches are responsible to ensure appropriate attendance/head count at beginning and end of event.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. Academic eligibility will be determined by the school in which the student-athlete attends.
- B. It is the responsibility of the sending school to inform the host school of any ineligible students by Wednesday noon of each week of the season.
- C. The student athlete will abide by the policies of the host school as listed in the Cooperative Athletic Handbook for students.
- D. Home school is responsible for discipline of their own student athlete.

7. PHYSICALS

- A. All student-athletes must have a current physical on file with the respective school. Copies will be furnished to each school upon request.
- B. Athletes must provide documentation of a current physical to the Dallas City or La Harpe school office at least 2 weeks prior to the start of that sports practice. No athlete may practice or participate until the physical is turned in to the respective office and the head coach is notified.

8. LIABILITY INSURANCE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Liability for all students utilizing transportation shall be the transporting school's responsibility.
- B. Each district will assume the insurance liability for their athlete on the team as for any other athlete of that district.

9. TEAM NAME

A. The team name shall be the La Harpe/Dallas City Eagles in the sports that La Harpe hosts and shall be the Dallas City/La Harpe Bulldogs in the sports that Dallas City hosts. All programs, announcements, media communications, and other such items will include the names of both communities; e.g. La Harpe/Dallas City Eagles, or Dallas City/La Harpe Bulldogs.

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10. AWARDS

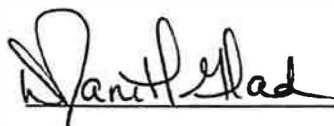
- A. Coaches determine the criteria for postseason awards. The host school is responsible for ordering awards.
- B. IESA state level trophies will be duplicated for both schools and considered a shared district expense.
- C. Host school is responsible for their own awards banquet.

11. PARTICIPATION

A. In sports with 5/6 grades and 7/8 grade teams that are administered separately (basketball and volleyball) any player may only "move up" with approval from the AD of the both districts in consultation with the cooperating district Administration, and if needed in consultation with the Sports Coop Committee members. If players are needed tryouts will be held for athletes that want to move up. Tryouts are not open to spectators. AD's will initiate a conversation to consider moving players up if there are fewer than 10 athletes on the Basketball team or fewer than 11 athletes on the Volleyball team.

B. 4th grade will be included in the 5th-grade programs. 4th grade will be included in the 5th grade programs as needed. When 4th grade is needed, all 4th graders will be invited to participate.

Each respective school board in the cooperative has the option to consider the renewal or dissolution of the Cooperative Athletic Agreement. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis but will be re-negotiated every two years. Quarterly joint co-op meetings will be held.

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 1-14-2025

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