

ESA and AIA Athletics Participation

June 11, 2026



Athletics

History

- August 7, 2025 Meeting
- Item was tabled and requested to be brought back to the Board at the June 2026 meeting



Athletics

Who

- ESA, Home Schooled Students
- AIA By-Law –MUHS Boundaries

What

- AIA Sanctioned Sports

When

- Year by Year
- 2026-2027

Logistics

- Insurance/Liability
- Participation Fees
- Costs and/or Benefits to School/District



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Logistics

- Insurance and Liability—
 - AZ State Legislature has not ruled on ESA and Athletics for Districts
 - AIA By-laws—No regulations specific to ESA and Districts' Insurance/Liability
 - Mingus Union Legal Opinion 2024-- did not recommend the Governing Board to permit ESA students to participate in interscholastic athletics and activities
- Participation Fees---\$2000.00



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Logistics

- Potential Benefits to School/District –
 - Exposure to the MUHS Powerhouse
 - Providing more participation opportunities for Community youth
 - Competitive benefit to the MUHS Athletics' Program—tends to be seen in individual sports



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Logistics

- Cost to School/District –
 - Facility Usage
 - Resources– Athletic Trainer
 - Equipment
 - Transportation
 - AIA Officials
 - Certified Coaching



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Logistics

- Cost to School/District –
 - Displacement of MUHS Enrolled Students and Playing Time
 - Average Daily Membership (ADM)
 - Not an Academic Decision—We Champion Academics first—AIA states “Educational Athletics”
 - Academic Eligibility— No Standard/Structure-no reliable/valid measurement
 - Equity/Accountability Factor—Standard of Athletic Participation (Academic, Attendance, Behavior)



THANK YOU

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