STUDENT SPORTS INTEREST SURVEYS

The Illinois State Board of Education’s Public School Approval Section, Department of Recognition and Supervision monitor district compliance with Title IX and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules.

Both Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules require that schools accommodate to an equal degree the athletic interests and abilities of students of both sexes. It is further required that districts conduct a written assessment of students’ sports interest, the results of which are to be used in the design of comparable athletic programs.

To assist in meeting these requirements, the Illinois State Board of Education offers sample survey, which may be used in the assessment of students’ sports interest. These surveys are provided as samples only. They should be tailored to fit the needs of particular school districts.

It is important to remember that survey results are to be used for athletic program planning and development as well as in assessing current program comparability.

Certain administrative precautions will promote the collection of meaningful student sports interest data. For instance, it is necessary to survey students of both sexes, using one survey that lists the same sports options for boys and for girls. The number and variety of sports options offered on the survey must be reasonably broad, and should include but not be limited to those sports currently offered by the district. Sports listed on the survey should not be gender-specific, i.e., list “basketball” not “girls’ basketball,” and the survey should include a category of “other” to allow students the opportunity to choose a sport not listed on the form. The survey should be offered to at least those students who are now or who will be next year eligible to participate in sports. Only the responses of the students who want to be participants in sports programs are to be considered in the application of survey results to athletic program design.

Based upon tabulated results of the survey, school districts are required to offer the number and kinds of sports, as well as the range of competitive levels within those sports, that will equally accommodate the assessed interests of male students and female students.
STUDENT SPORTS INTEREST SURVEY

Our school district is conducting a survey of student sports interest. Results of the survey will be used to evaluate our current athletic program as well as to plan for its future development. Please complete and return this survey only if you want to participate in school-sponsored sports.

Identify six of the following sports in which you would definitely participate if you had the opportunity. Circle the number that coincides with the order of your preference, i.e., if soccer is your first choice, circle the number “1” after the entry “Soccer.” Please select up to but no more than six sports.

Badminton 1 2 3 4 5 6
Baseball 1 2 3 4 5 6
Basketball 1 2 3 4 5 6
Bowling 1 2 3 4 5 6
Competitive Cheer 1 2 3 4 5 6
Cross Country 1 2 3 4 5 6
Diving 1 2 3 4 5 6
Field Hockey 1 2 3 4 5 6
Football (Flag) 1 2 3 4 5 6
Football (Tackle) 1 2 3 4 5 6
Golf 1 2 3 4 5 6
Gymnastics 1 2 3 4 5 6
Ice Hockey 1 2 3 4 5 6
Lacrosse 1 2 3 4 5 6
Soccer 1 2 3 4 5 6
Softball 1 2 3 4 5 6
Speed Swimming 1 2 3 4 5 6
Tennis 1 2 3 4 5 6
Track and Field 1 2 3 4 5 6
Volleyball 1 2 3 4 5 6
Water Polo 1 2 3 4 5 6
Wrestling 1 2 3 4 5 6
Other (please list) __________________________ 1 2 3 4 5 6
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Name: ___________________________________________________________

Grade in School (circle one) incoming freshman 9 10 11 12
Gender (circle one) Male Female

Please return your completed survey form to:
_______________________________________ by ______________________
(Person or Office) (Date)
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Name:  

Grade in School:  

Circle One:  Male   Female

Check one of the following:

_____    YES, I would like to participate in school-sponsored sports.

_____    NO, I would not like to participate in school-sponsored sports.

COMPLETE THE NEXT PART ONLY IF YOU CHECKED “YES” ABOVE.

Please read through the following list of sports. Then indicate in order of your preference each activity in which you would like to participate. Use the number “1” to indicate your first choice, “2” for your second choice, etc. For example, if your first choice is basketball and your second choice is tennis, place a “1” next to basketball and a “2” next to tennis.

SPORT

_____    Badminton
_____    Baseball
_____    Basketball
_____    Bowling
_____    Competitive Cheerleading
_____    Cross Country
_____    Diving
_____    Field Hockey
_____    Football (Flag)
_____    Football (Tackle)
_____    Golf
_____    Gymnastics
_____    Ice Hockey
_____    Lacrosse
_____    Soccer
_____    Softball
_____    Speed Swimming
_____    Tennis
_____    Track and Field
_____    Volleyball
_____    Water Polo
_____    Wrestling
_____    Other (list)