



A-3 Recommendation Form



Date: 09 / 18 / 14

A3 Members Present:

Marie Abel

Jeff Utsinger

Mike Harrington

Linda Van Der Leest

Todd Ehlert

Dan Rakestraw

Concern brought to the A3 Team:

The wrestling program at the Middle School would like to be added to the IESA. Currently, they participate in a club program, IKWF. They've also requested adding 6th grade to their program.

Concern initiated by: Jon Murray

Considerations:

A-3 met with Jon Murray, Tom Ferguson, and Travis Mackey to gather more information. The District is currently funding uniforms and transportation for their dual meets and tournaments. Wrestling would continue to use the same space they've been using at the Middle School, the multi-purpose room for practice and the gym for matches. The IESA season starts later than the IKWF season, so coaches are more available to get the season started. We briefly considered possible conflicts with other sports and activities and found the IESA season should not inhibit other sports or activities as long as it is just within 7th and 8th grade.

A3 recommendation:

A-3 recommends that 7th and 8th grade Middle School wrestling become a part of the IESA replacing their involvement with IKWF. If wrestling would still like to consider 6th grade participation, A-3 will entertain a joint request from any sports that would allow 6th grade participants. The only additional cost we see for the District is the \$50 IESA wrestling registration fee and some additional transportation and registration fees.