

Athletic Program Support **Additional Requirements**

- **Financial:** Athletic program support financial needs will be determined by which sports you choose and what type of support given. How do we meet these financial needs without being a drain on the church?
 - Procurement from businesses
 - Procurement from service organizations
 - Procurement from church attendees
 - Grants
 - See "Partnerships" section below

- **Facilities:** Most schools have adequate facilities for athletic programs, so there would likely not be additional facilities needs. For those rare situations where schools do not have adequate facilities, the following could be helpful:
 - Gym: If your church is close to the school and has a gym, offering your facilities could reduce gym scheduling conflicts or provide a gym for a school that doesn't have a usable one. Schools may even be able to offer a sport that they didn't have the facility for before.
 - Field: The same is true for sports that need fields. Some schools don't have properly maintained fields. This makes sports more difficult, and dangerous, for students. If you have access to a proper field to rent or use, the school could benefit from that access.
 - General-purpose space: Some teams need either film room space or space to practice skills (like cheerleading). These activities don't require a full gym and could take place in a simple room.

- **Transportation:** Most teams have to travel. Schools have to fund buses and bus drivers, which can be costly. Here are some suggestions for supporting them in this area:
 - Bus driver: Church members with the right driving credentials can volunteer to transport students. Most bus companies will rent out buses, and the school could potentially save money on having to hire a driver. Churches can even consider having someone get licensed just for this purpose.
 - Bus: If you have church buses or vans, you can alleviate some financial stress on the school by donating the use of your buses. (Please check insurance limitations.)

- **Partnerships:** Many organizations have a heart to clothe students and their families. Partnerships multiply your ability to serve. Who can you partner with?
 - Local businesses for donations

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- Local clothing stores for uniforms
- Clubs (Rotary, Elks, etc.)
- Other churches
- PTA
- YMCA
- Community centers
- Local parks and recreation departments