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# Oakland Athletic League



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Teaching and Learning Committee

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# Oakland Athletic League Mission Statement

- **Oakland Athletic League (OAL)**

The goal of the OAL is to promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character by conducting school sports programs in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical, and ethical development of student athletes and teaches positive life skills that will lead to personally successful and socially responsible lives.

**OAL Mission:** The OAL shall achieve the highest potential as reflected in the Achieving Victory with Honor six pillars of character: *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.*

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# OAL Overview

## ■ Castlemont Teams:

- Cross Country, Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, JV Baseball, Men's Golf, Women's Soccer, Softball, Women's Track, Men's Track

## ■ Fremont Teams:

- Bowling, Cross Country, Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Women's Track, Men's Track, Varsity Volleyball, JV Volleyball, Cheerleader Sponsor
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# OAL Overview

- **McClymonds Teams:**

- Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Women's Track, Men's Track, Varsity Volleyball, Cheerleader Sponsor

- **Oakland High Teams:**

- Bowling, Cross County, Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Badminton, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Men's Tennis, Women's Track, Men's Track, Varsity Volleyball, Cheerleader Sponsor
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# OAL Overview

- **Oakland Tech Teams:**

- Bowling, Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, JV Baseball, Men's Golf, Badminton, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Men's Tennis, Women's Track, Men's Track, Varsity Volleyball, JV Volleyball, Cheerleader Sponsor

- **Skyline Teams:**

- Bowling, Cross Country, Women's Golf, Varsity Football, JV Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Varsity Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Men's Golf, Badminton, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Men's Tennis, Women's Track, Men's Track, Varsity Volleyball, JV Volleyball, Cheerleader Sponsor
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# Governance

The league is governed by an established set of rules known as the OAL Rules and Regulations and the CIF Rules and Regulations. The OAL Rules and Regulations are formed by the OAL Policy Committee. The committee is comprised of the six senior high school principals, two athletic directors, the Superintendent of Schools or designee, a representative of the Board of Education, and the Commissioner of the OAL, who is an ex officio member.

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# Eligibility Requirements

- CIF205.(1) c.  
"The student is maintaining progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board."
  - Principals are required to sign all submitted Eligibility Lists to verify each students' eligibility based on "minimum requirements" at the school site. The Eligibility and Compliance staff verifies all submitted CIF & OAL eligibility-related documents (e.g. CIF 510/207 Forms, OAL Health Statement Cards & Hardship Waivers). No Section Office verifies "progress toward graduation." That must be done at the school site and verified by the principal.
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# Scholastic Eligibility

## Initial Scholastic Eligibility

In order to be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF four-year high school, a junior high or a junior high under the provisions of Bylaw 303, must have achieved a 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the **previous grading period**.

In order to compete in OAL contests (practice/league) a student shall have earned a 2.0 GPA and a passing grade in seven out of eight classes; six out of seven classes; or five out of six classes enrolled. If a student is enrolled in five or fewer classes, the student shall have earned at 2.0 GPA and pass all classes to be eligible.

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# Academic Support Systems

- Schools provide Academic Support for student Athletes
    - After-School tutoring through the Complimentary Learning 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants
    - Site based after school tutoring
    - School Counselors when available
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# Recognition of Student Athletes

- To place more emphasis on academic achievement of OAL student-athletes and their respective teams, implementation of an academic recognition process is recommended for this school year and as well as future school years.
    - Fall Sports Teams' Highest Individual GPA
    - Winter Sports Tams' Highest Individual GPA
    - Spring Sports Teams' Highest Individual GPA
    - Fall OAL Sports' Highest Team GPA
    - Winter Sports' Highest Team GPA
    - Spring Sports' Highest Team GPA
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## Academic Profile of 2009-1010 Teams

■ Oakland Tech Women's Tennis	3.83
■ Skyline Women's Tennis	3.72
■ Oakland High Bowling	3.49
■ Skyline Co-Ed Bowling	3.48
■ Oakland Tech Volleyball	3.30
■ McClymonds Volleyball	3.01
■ Oakland High Volleyball	2.92
■ Fremont Volleyball	2.84

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## Academic Profile of 2009-1010 Teams

■ Skyline Volleyball	2.64
■ Oakland Tech JV Football	2.58
■ Castlemont Volleyball	2.52
■ McClymonds Varsity Football	2.51
■ Skyline Varsity Football	2.40
■ Oakland Tech Varsity Football	2.37
■ Castlemont JV Football	2.33

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## Academic Profile of 2009-1010 Teams

■ Oakland High JV Football	2.31
■ McClymonds JV Football	2.22
■ Skyline JV Football	1.73

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# Challenges and Dilemmas

- OAL staff positions are 1.5 FTE
    - 1.0 FTE classified support
    - .5 Commissioner
    - Responding to data requests can be difficult given the paper and pencil record keeping systems. OAL does not have AERIES fields designated for student athletes.
  - Locating and hiring team coaches in a timely manner
  - Coaches have not received an increase in salary in many years
  - Not all schools have tutoring programs targeting student athletes to provide the academic support necessary to maintain eligibility
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# Challenges and Dilemmas

- Lack of Funding to support:
    - ❑ Individual school teams need specialized equipment for individual sports, training equipment, and uniforms
    - ❑ Transportation costs for students to get to games
    - ❑ Access to a computer data system for OAL that allows schools and the League to manage student information
    - ❑ Recognition of student athletes
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