

Colorado High School Activities Association

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CHSAA Fact Sheet

CHSAA Mission Statement: The mission of the CHSAA is to serve its membership through the advancement of, and the student's participation in, interscholastic activities, which are an integral component and a complement to the educational goals of its member schools.

A Voluntary Organization: The CHSAA is a voluntary association of 355 member schools, including 278 public (78.3%), 43 private schools (12.1%) and 34 charter schools (9.6%). Of the public schools, two have incarcerated or court-appointed student participants. Of the private schools, 33 are church-related. The CHSAA started in May, 1921.

Colorado's Participation Numbers: of the 237,276 students enrolled in the CHSAA's member schools in 2016-17 (the latest statistics) 83.8%, or 194,618 students, participate in music, speech, student leadership and athletics. Recent trends nationally show an increase in participation in high school activities. Colorado's participation rate is one of the highest in the country.

Music Participation Numbers Largest: Over 40, 195 students participate in music programs, both vocal and instrumental, across the state making it the largest activity sanctioned by the CHSAA. Football, with 16,686 students participating, is the single largest participatory sport. Boys' and Girls' Basketball together have 16,261 participants.

CHSAA Legislative Body Has 72 Representatives: The CHSAA's Legislative body, its Legislative Council, is made up of 72 representatives from local leagues across the state. Each league receives one representative and additional representatives are added for student population and number of schools in a league. All representatives are elected to the LC by the individual leagues. The state's superintendents also have three representatives on the Legislative Council and there are five members of the Colorado Association of School Boards, representing specified areas in the state. School Board representatives from across the state are also members of the Associations sports, administrative and activities advisory committees.

CHSAA Board of Directors Monitors Day-to-Day Operations: The CHSAA Board of Directors is the group that monitors the daily operations of the CHSAA office. Its responsibilities include budget oversight, personnel matters and services as the final appeals committee.

CHSAA Board of Directors Membership: The Board of Directors is made up of elected representatives of nine established districts across the state, two at-large members from the membership and representatives from the Colorado Department of Education, North Central Association, Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Association of School Executives and the Colorado State Legislature. In all, 16 members will make up the committee in 2017-2018.

School Dues and Fees Are Just 22% of CHSAA Budget: As members in the CHSAA, each member school paid a service fee of \$863 each, along with a \$147 per activity fee for each activity sponsored by the school. The spread in school membership dues and fees this year was from a low of approximately \$900 to a high of \$4,100. That is approximately 22% of the Association Budget. The remainder comes from gate receipts at the state playoff events, along with revenue from corporate sponsorship, merchandise sales and entry fees in music, spirit and speech; in all, the Association has an annual budget of \$4.5 million.

Association Returns Excess in Reserves to Member Schools: Under Association policies, the organization cannot hold more than 50% of its budget in reserves; any amount over that 50% figure is returned to the membership. Under this policy, the Association has returned over \$3.5 million to its membership since 2000-01. This figures includes reimbursements in some sports for travel and expenses to schools when the Association shows a profit.

Studies – Local and National - Reinforce Benefits of High School Activities: Studies conducted by CU professor Dr. Kevin McCarthy showed that the average activities participant's grade point average was 2.96 compared to the non-participant's 2.35. These studies concluded that student participants miss less school and score significantly higher on the standardized tests. Further, the studies show that regardless of gender, ethnicity or socio-economic class, student participants perform better in the classroom.

In a Jefferson County Schools, McCarthy found that student participants in Jefferson County had an average grade point average of 3.093 compared to the 2.444 for non-participants.

At the national level, The National Federation of State High School Associations has study after study reporting the following for student participants (www.nfhs.org/the-case-for-high-school-activities):

- Better Educational Outcomes
- Enhanced School Engagement and Sense of Belonging
- Positive Youth Development/Life Skills
- Healthier Behaviors
- Post High School Positive Results
- Developing Better Citizens
- School and Community Benefits

Membership of CHSAA Board of Directors (leagues Represented) [term expires]:

CHSAA President (Serving first year of two-year term): Jim Lucas, Assistant Principal (Pine Creek High School) [2019]

District 1 (San Juan Basin, Western Slope, Southwestern): Paul Cain, District Athletic Director (Grand Junction Schools) [2018]

District 2 (Centennial, Northern, Frontier, Tri-Valley): Rick Logan, Athletic Director (Mountain View School District) [2020]

District 3 (High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC): Doug Pfau, Superintendent (Weldon Valley Schools) [2019]

District 4 (Jefferson County, East Metro, Colorado 7): Angie Sanders, Athletic Director (Conifer High School) [2021]

District 5 (Denver, Metropolitan, Confluence): Loren Larrabee, Athletic Director (Lutheran High School) [2018]

District 6 (Continental, Front Range, 5280): Michael Hawkes, Athletic Director (Shining Mountain Waldorf School) [2021]

District 7 (CS Metro 4A, CS Metro 5A, Pikes Peak, Tri-Peaks, West Central): Troy Baker, Athletic Director (Buena Vista HS) [2019]

District 8 (Black Forest, Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, Southern Peaks): Joe Garcia, Athletic Director (Antonito HS) [2018]

District 9 (Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern): Richard Hargrove, Superintendent (Springfield Schools) [2021]

At-Large (Region 1 - Districts 2, 3, 4): Terita Berry, Assistant Principal (Denver east High School) [2021]

At-Large (Region 3 – Districts 7, 8, 9): Kelley Eichman, Athletic Director (Fountain-Fort Carson High School) [2019]

Colorado Association of School Boards: Jon Destefano (Jefferson County Schools) [2020]

Colorado Association of School Executives: Jim Lucas, Assistant Principal (Pine Creek High School) [2019]

Colorado Association of School Executives: Jeff Durbin, Superintendent (Stratton Schools) [2021]

Colorado Department of Education: Wendy Dunaway, Colorado Department of Education [2019]

Colorado State Assembly: Jim Wilson, Salida (State Representative, Salida) [2018]

CHSAA Office Administrative Staff (Staff Assistant) [Key Assignments]:

Rhonda Blanford-Green, Commissioner [Donna Coonts, Executive Assistant] (Board of Directors, Budget, CADA Liaison, Classification and League Organization Committee, Handbook, Hardship Waivers, Legislative Council, Personnel)

Tom Robinson, Associate Commissioner [Monica Tillman, Executive Assistant] (Arbiter, Golf, Inside Out Coaching Initiative, Officials, Officials' Fees Committee, Officials' Organizations, Playoff Sites, Sportsmanship, Sportsmanship Seminars, Tournament Playoff & Finance)

Bert Borgmann, Assistant Commissioner [Whitney Webermeier, Executive Assistant] (Baseball, Basketball, Cooperative Programs, Foreign Student Waivers, Foundation for Colorado High School Student Activities, Gymnastics, Hall of Fame, Legislative Relations, Media Relations, NFHS Network Programs, State Records/Championship Results, Trophies & Awards)

Bethany Brookens, Assistant Commissioner [Sandra Williamson, Executive Assistant] (Equity, Field Hockey, Music, New Schools, Participation Survey, Skiing, Swimming, Tennis, Title IX, Volleyball)

Bud Ozzello, Assistant Commissioner [Audra Cathy, Executive Assistant] (Football, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Out of State Events Sanctioned Events, Softball, Speech)

Jenn Roberts-Uhlig, Assistant Commissioner [Kathryn McOmber, Executive Assistant] (Awards, Corporate Relations, Cross Country, Junior High/Middle Schools, NFHS Section 6, New Athletic Directors Meeting, Recognition Programs, Spirit, Sports Medicine, T-Shirts/Merchandise, Track & Field)

Ernie Derrera, Assistant Commissioner [Theresa Muniz, Executive Assistant/Sharon Aguilar, Administrative Assistant] (Coaching Registration, Soccer, Student Leadership, Wrestling)

Ryan Casey, Director of Digital Media (CHSAA.org, CHSAANow.com, State Records/Championship Results, Technology Advancement)

Kenzie Hewson, Director of Business Operations (Accounting, Bookkeeping, Tournament & Playoff Finances)

Interscholastic Activities Sanctioned by the CHSAA: Baseball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Field Hockey, Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Girls Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Music, Boys and Girls Skiing, Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Softball, Speech, Spirit, Student Leadership, Boys and Girls Swimming, Boys and Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Track and Field, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling.