

KHSAA TITLE IX RE-VISIT FIELD VISIT REPORT

School:	Bullitt East High School
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Staff Reviewed By:	Darren Bilberry, Asst. Commissioner
School Year:	2022-23

ACCOMMODATIONS OF INTEREST AND ABILITIES REVIEW:

OPPORTUNITIES REVIEW (FROM PRIOR YEAR ANNUAL REPORT)	Completed
Test One – Substantial Proportionality	
Test Two – History of Continuing Practice of Program Expansion	
Test Three – Full and Effective Accommodation of Interest and Abilities	Satisfactory
Analysis Form Review	X

ACCOMMODATIONS OF INTEREST AND ABILITIES NOTES: The most recent Student Interest Survey was conducted during the 2021-2022 school year. Students in grades 8-11 were surveyed with a return rate of 71.6%. Interest in Field Hockey was indicated but it was determined this was not an option at this time. Bullitt East currently offers thirteen (13) varsity sport opportunities for both males and females. Bullitt East is to be commended for its efforts in offering all teams for current sport and sport activity KHSAA sponsored championships. The Athletic Director was reminded of the importance for accurate team rosters to ensure an accurate and complete school analysis.

BENEFITS REVIEW

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Uniform review / replacement plan	Х	
Status of uniforms and equipment	Х	
Equity of spending	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: All uniforms viewed during the visit were of mid-to-high quality and appeared to be equitable in quantity for both male and female teams. Written uniform/replacement guidelines indicated a 2-3 year rotation for all sports except girls and boys golf, girls and boys tennis, swimming, and fishing which are annually replaced. Coaches interviewed were aware of the set guidelines for purchasing. During the 2022-23 school Bullitt East will begin to transition to Adidas uniforms for all teams. The 2021-22 Title IX report shows spending of \$133 per male athlete and \$139 per female athlete for equipment and supplies. All other equipment viewed appeared to be well-maintained and suitable for their individual sport.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
SCHEDULING OF GAMES AND PRACTICE TIMES	х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Like sports scheduling	Х	
Scheduling of shared practice facilities	Х	
Optimal playing times	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- SCHEDULING OF GAMES AND PRACTICE TIMES There was viewed evidence of all team schedules in the TitleIX file that showed overall equivalence and parity in number of competitive events for like- sports. Written evidence also showed equitable scheduling for usage of shared facilities. A complete and comprehensive schedule for all facilities and athletic events is published on the school website and available for athletes and parents to view.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Mode of transportation	Х	
Provision for meals and housing		Х
Equity of spending	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- TRAVEL AND PER DIEM There was a written guideline that indicated the use of school owned vans, the use of school buses, and commercial transport as acceptable modes of transportation. When school owned vehicles are unavailable, transportation by parents is utilized. The current guidelines **do not** address parameters for provision of meals and lodging that ensure parity and equity for all athletes. (*see KHSAA Other Actions*). A review of spending for this category showed approximately \$50 per female athlete and \$50 per male athlete.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
COACHING	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Compensation	Х	
Accessibility	Х	
Competence	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- COACHING The Bullitt County salary schedule viewed in the Title IX file appeared to be equitable in compensation and number of coaching positions for all teams. Fifty-five (55%) percent of Head Coaches are employed on Bullitt East campus. The coaching ratio for females is 13.6 athletes per coach and the ratio for male is 20 athletes per coach giving a slight advantage to the female population. Coaches are evaluated at the end of the year by a face- to- face meeting with the Athletic Director.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
LOCKER ROOMS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITIVE FACILITIES		
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Competition and practice venues	Х	
Dressing areas		Х
Equipment storage areas		Х

BENEFITS REVIEW- LOCKER ROOMS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITIVE FACILITIES: There was written assignment of locker room for most teams, however, upon review, some of the assignments were public restrooms. One of the main points of emphasis in the Title IX program is to provide a safe and secure place to dress and secure belongings. Under Title IX, public restrooms do not qualify as such. There are three exclusive locker rooms for males (football, baseball, and basketball) and two exclusive locker rooms for females (volleyball and basketball). The quality and amenities of these locker rooms was comparable. There was however a major disparity of amenities and proximity to playing areas between baseball and softball. The softball locker room assignment *did not* provide comparable amenities as baseball and *was not* in close proximity to the playing venue. During interviews with the Administrators it was emphasized the assignment of lockers room for ALL teams and the disparity between baseball and softball need to be addressed immediately. (*see KHSAA Other Actions*)

On campus competitive and practice facilities appear to be well maintained and a source of pride. On campus venues include, football, baseball, softball, soccer, archery, wrestling, basketball (large and small gym) and tennis.

Off campus athletic venues include:

Golf-Tanglewood or Heritage Hills

Swimming-University of Louisville pool

Bowling-Fern Bowl

Fishing- Cumberland, Ky Lake

Cross Country- Broadrun

Written assignment of storage areas did not include ALL teams. Use of a classroom does not meet the recommended requirements for storage.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
MEDICAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES AND SERVICES	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Weight room location and access	Х	
Weight room usage schedule	Х	
Appropriate equipment for female use	Х	
Athletic Training services	Х	
Physical Exams	X	

BENEFITS REVIEW- MEDICAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES AND SERVICES A well equipped weight is located in the fieldhouse and accessible to all teams. The schedule posted on the athletic calendar and on site appears to provide equivalent usage for all teams. The weight equipment is well maintained and appropriate for female use.

Bullitt East has the services of two athletic trainers from the University of Louisville who attend practices and competitions daily. There are two training rooms-one in the fieldhouse and one in the gymnasium. They are easily accessible for all athletes.

Emergency plans for all athletic venues were comprehensive and located in the Title IX file.

AEDs are located in three areas of the school and the athletic trainer is in possession of one at all times.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
PUBLICITY	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Support group assignments	Х	
Written regulation for recognition	Х	
Equity of spending	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- PUBLICITY The Athletic Director monitors scheduling of cheerleaders, band and the dance team to ensure equitable performance for all teams.

There was written evidence of an Awards/recognition policy inclusive of guidelines for banquets, team and individual banners on display, letters/bars awards, Senior Awards, and Hall of Fame criteria that appears to ensure parity for all teams and individuals.

Bullitt East has a printed Sport program inclusive of all teams competing in the Fall and Spring.

A review of spending showed approximately \$13 per male athlete and \$18 for female athletes.

BENEFIT	Satisfactory	Deficient
SUPPORT SERVICES	Х	
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Office access	Х	
Booster Support	Х	
Overall spending for athletic support	Х	

BENEFITS REVIEW- SUPPORT SERVICES The assignment of available office space appears to be equitable and accessible to all coaches. Interviews with the school administration indicated there is one athletic booster club with an external account. The booster club submits to the school administration a budget for requested expenditures before the beginning of the school year. *It is recommended the administration continue to provide oversight to the booster club spending to maintain equivalency and parity of expenditures*. It appears that Bullitt East meets acceptable parameters both on a percentage (60% male and 40% female) and per athlete (\$376 per male and \$379 per female) spending basis.

CURRENT DEFICIENCIES

Observed Deficiencies in Overall Girls and Boys Athletics Programs	Recommended Actions in relation to current deficiencies	Date for Verification of Action to address deficiency	

RECURRING DEFICIENCIES

Observed Deficiencies in Overall Girls and Boys Athletics Programs	Recommended Actions in relation to recurring deficiencies	Date for Verification of Action to address deficiency

OTHER ACTIONS NECESSITATED BY THIS VISIT

Action	Due Date
<u>Travel and per diem:</u> Expand the current guideline to include the specific provisions for lodging (overnight stay) This may include but not limited to number of students per room, hotel with free breakfast, cost variances, type of hotel, etc.	Not for submission Upon completion, review with the Title IX committee and place in the Title IX file.
<u>Travel and per diem:</u> Expand the current guideline to include the specific provisions for meals. This may include \$ allowance per meal, per day, or per athlete. Amount determined by this guideline may also be used to determine value of pre and post game meals for teams and accurately reported on the KHSAA annual report.	Not for submission Upon completion, review with the Title IX committee and place in the Title IX file.
Locker rooms, Practice and competitive facilities: Review and revise all current locker room assignments and include ALL teams. Designate a specific storage for ALL teams. Inform coaches of revised locker room and storage assignments.	Not for submission. Upon completion, review with the Title IX committee and place in the Title IX file.

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE AT FIELD VISIT MEETING	
Name	Title
Kassi VanMeter	Girls Soccer Coach Asst. Girls Track Coach
Wally Adams	Volleyball Coach
Macie Brown	Athlete Girls Golf
Travis Egan	Athlete Football, Basketball
Nate Fulghum	Principal
Kenny Hughes	Athletic Director
Sheila Newton	Athletic Secretary
Jack Matthews	Baseball Coach
Michael Brangers	Boys Soccer Coach
Larry Steinmetz	Asst. Athletic Director Girls Golf Coach
Debbie Pitcock	Parent Asst. Athletic Director
Kathy Johnston	KHSAA Auditor
Barbara Kok	KHSAA <u>Auditor-bkok@khsaa.org</u> 859-361-2044

OTHER GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The school administration was very welcoming and well prepared for the visit. The Title IX file was well organized and complete. During interviews with administrators, coaches and student athletes, they expressed great pride in Bullitt East and all that was offered and their well maintained facilities. The administrators were open to discussions concerning administrative oversight of boosters and issues involving locker room assignments. They were accepting of the concerns expressed by the auditors pertaining to the disparity between baseball and softball locker rooms.

Bullitt East is in the planning phase of acquiring an additional building and redesigning their athletic facilities to include an 8 lane track and turf football and soccer field. Consideration should be given to include locker rooms and storage in close proximity to competitive venues.

No one attended the public forum scheduled for 3:00 pm.