

KHSAA TITLE IX RE-VISIT FINAL AUDIT REPORT

(For schools re-visited during the 2012-2013 school year)

School: Spencer County High School Prepared By: Kathy Johnston Date of Re-Visit: January 10, 2013

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1.	Completed	Required Forms
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Area of Compliance: (Check One or More)

	Verification of Forms (Form GE-19)	Yes ⊠ No □
	Participation Opportunities Summary Chart (Form T-	1, T-2, T-3 & T-4) Yes ⊠ No
	Benefits Summary Charts (Forms T-35 & T-36)	Yes ⊠ No □
	Checklist Overall Athletics Program (Form T-41Yes	⊠ No □
	Improvement Plan Summary Charts (Form T-60)	Yes ⊠ No □
2.	Opportunities Component of Title IX Compliance	

Α	Substantial Proportionality
В	History and Continuing Practice Of Programs Expansion
С	Full and Effective Accommodation of Interest and Abilities

A). Was the Substantial Proportionality Test (T-1) an area in which the school met Title IX Opportunities compliance? Yes □ No ⊠
Comments: According to the data and reports submitted for the years 2010-2012, it appears that Spencer County High School does not meet the standard of Test 1 for the provision of athletic opportunities.
B). Was the History and Continuing Practice of Program Expansion Test (T-2) an area in which the school met Title IX Opportunities compliance? Yes □ No ⊠
Comments: According to the data and reports submitted for the years 2010-2012, it appears that Spencer County High School does not meet the standard of Test 2 for the provision of athletic opportunities.
C). Was the Full and Effective Accommodations of Interest and Abilities Test (T-3) an area in which the school met Title IX Opportunities compliance? Yes □ No ⊠
Comments: According to the data and reports submitted for the years 2011-2012, it appears that Spencer County High School does not meet the standard of Test 3 for the provision of athletic opportunities.
3. Is the school's most recent Student Interest Survey accurate in relation to the assessment of Interests & Abilities? Yes □ No ☒ Comments: According to submitted reports, the most recent Student Interest Survey
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was conducted during the 2010 school year. The scheduled survey, to be conducted during the 2012 school year, was not completed. Therefore, valid accuracy in relation to assessment could not be ascertained in regard to Interests and Abilities.

4. Checklist of the Title IX Components of the Interscholastic Program

Benefit to	Satisfactory	Deficient	ne Interscholastic Program Comments
Students	Salistaciony	Delicient	Comments
			In order to populately pages student
Accommodatio n of Interests		Х	In order to accurately assess student interests and abilities, the Student Interest
and Abilities			Survey is to be given, at a minimum,
and Abilities			every two years. The most recent survey
			at Spencer County High School was
			administered during the 2009-2010 school year. It is difficult to ascertain accuracy in
			relation to assessment without current
			student interest responses. The failure to provide equitable opportunities has been
			designated as the most serious deficiency
			in Title IX. There was also limited
			evidence of Gender Equity Committee meetings showing attendance and
			minutes, thereof.
			(see Item 7.)
Equipment and Supplies	X		Uniforms viewed were of -mid to upper quality and were comparable in overall equivalence for parity and quantity. Interviews with administration indicated that all uniforms were purchased through school accounts. There was no evidence of a review plan for uniform replacement and/or purchase. Interviews with administration indicated that the students who participate in the sports of track, cross country, and tennis purchase and retain their own uniforms.
			(see recommendation 7. a.)
Scheduling of	Х		Team schedules were viewed that
Games and Practice Time			showed comparable number of competitive event opportunities for all teams and parity for the like sports. There
			was viewed evidence of equitable scheduling and usage of the gymnasiums,

		as a shared facility, for basketball. There was no written evidence of equitable scheduling or access for use of the other available shared facilities; indoor hitting facility, tennis courts, soccer field, and weight room. (see recommendation 7. b.)
Travel and Per Diem Allowances	X	Interviews with students and coaches indicated school bus transport for all competitive events. There was no written evidence that provided for travel (mode of transportation) or guidelines for per diem (food / housing). According to submitted data, the spending in this area appears to be equitable; \$103.00 spent per female athlete and \$115.00 spent per male athlete. (see recommendation 7. c.)
Coaching	X	There was written evidence of a board approved pay schedule of coaching positions that showed equivalence in the number of positions and parity for the like sports. Based on recent data, it appears that the ratio of student to coach access is 13:1 for males and 9:1 for females. The school is to be commended for its increase in the number of female coaches since the 2010 audit.
Locker Rooms, Practice and Competitive Facilities	Х	All accessible locker rooms were viewed and written evidence of assignment was shown as designated on a school floor plan diagram. It appears that there are three (3) locker rooms for boys and two (2) locker rooms for girls. Exclusive uses

of available locker rooms were for football, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball. The remaining locker rooms are shared by all other teams. There was viewed evidence of storage assignment for all teams but no written evidence of designation.

(see recommendation 7. d.)

The competitive facilities for softball, baseball, football, soccer, and tennis are located on the school campus. There is a 6-lane track located around the football field but is used for practice only. competitive track and cross country meets are scheduled away. The cross country team has access to an adjacent area next to the school for practice. Soccer teams elementary practice at an approximately one mile from the high school. Golf teams practice and compete Tanglewood Golf Course, approximately two miles from the high school. In regard to amenities, the softball facility has lights and the baseball field does not. A small concession and restroom area is centrally located for all outdoor facility access but appears to be minimal for optimal use that could contribute to team support.

Medical and	Х	There is one weight room located in the	
Training		Spencer County High School. It is	
Facilities and		centrally located and accessible to all	
Services		sports. The football locker room is located	
		in the same area as the weight room but	
		does not prohibit access as a door	

		separates these areas. Weight equipment is primarily free weights and bench presses. There were also two stair master machines but function and use were undetermined. Interviews with athletes and coaches indicated access and use of the weight room. There was a schedule posted at the site but it only showed use by team sign up and not overall equitable access. (see recommendation 7. e.) There is currently no Athletic Trainer, however, interviews with administration indicated that beginning in July 2013, Athletic Training services will be available to Spencer County High School and all its sports teams through a grant obtained by the Spencer County Physical Therapy group. Currently, all athletic physicals are the responsibility of each student.
Publicity	X	Interviews with coaches and students indicated awards recognition in regard to letters, bars, and post season banquets, however, there was no written evidence of an awards guideline. There was also evidence of displayed recognition in regard to trophy, picture, and banner display but no written guidelines of support. According to submitted data, the spending in this area appears to be equitable; \$19.00 spent per female athlete and \$25.00 spent per male athlete. (see recommendation 7. f.)
		that there is one cheerleading squad that

		performs at football, girls' and boys' basketball home games. Other programs of support, pep band and dance team, also perform at home football, girls' and boys' basketball games. Administrative oversight of these programs is in place that insures overall support equivalence.
Support Services	X	Interviews with administration indicated that all fundraisers must have prior approval by Site Based Council and the Board of Education. All fundraising money is deposited in school sport specific accounts. Interviews also indicated that all purchases and expenditures are approved and made through school accounts. Coaches interviewed were well aware of and understood the administrative process for approval to request and purchase items. A two-year review of overall spending meets the acceptable parameters both on a percentage and per athlete basis.
Athletic Scholarships		N/A
Tutoring		N/A

Housing and Dining Facilities and Services		N/A
Recruitment of Student Athletes		N/A

5. Brief Summary/Analysis of the Corrective Action Plan (Form T-60)

There were no items indicated on the most recently submitted Improvement Plan.

6. Observed Deficiencies in Overall Girls and Boys Athletics Programs

There was one observed deficiency in the overall athletics program at Spencer County High School. This deficiency was in the area of Opportunities, specific to the standard of Test Three (3) relative to the Accommodation of Interests and Abilities.

7. KHSAA Recommended Action in relation to new deficiencies

Accommodation of Interests and Abilities

Spencer County High School is to administer the Student Interest Survey by March 30, 2013. The summary of student responses, form T-63, is to be sent to the KHSAA, no later than April 30, 2013. Plans to address any interests should also be included with this submission. Results of the survey should also be reflected on the T-3 form that will be submitted with the 2013 Annual Report, due April 30, 2013.

The Student Interest Survey shall also be administered during the 2013-2014 school year. This will insure reliability and put Spencer County High School on the same cycle of review as all other Kentucky high schools.

By May 30, 2013 Spencer County High School is also to submit to the KHSAA all Gender Equity Committee Meetings (minimum three) held during the 2012-2013 school year. This shall include meeting agendas, listing of members present, and information regarding any action taken.

The following are not deficiencies, but recommendations that should be addressed by the Gender Equity Committee to insure overall program equivalence:

- a. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than <u>April 30, 2013</u>, a uniform review and/or replacement plan that shows a complete cycle for review and parity for the like sports.
- b. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than <u>April 30, 2013</u>, a schedule showing equitable access for the shared facilities of the softball/baseball indoor hitting facility, soccer field, and tennis courts.
- c. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than <u>April 30, 2013</u>, a travel and per diem guideline that would include mode of transportation to athletic events, and the provision of expenditure parameters for per diem (food / housing).
- d. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than **April 30, 2013**, a listing of designated storage assignment places for all teams.
- e. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than **April 30, 2013**, a weight room schedule which shows equitable access for usage.
- f. Please submit to the KHSAA, no later than **April 30, 2013**, an awards guideline that should include, but not be limited to, student recognition, end-of-season banquets, picture, and banner display.

8. KHSAA Recommended Action in relation to reoccurring deficiencies

There were no reoccurring deficiencies as it relates to this audit.

9. PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE AT AUDIT MEETING

High School Title IX Coordinator: Mike Marksbury

District Level Title IX Coordinator: Mike Marksbury

Name	Title	Telephone
Mike Marksbury	Athletic Director	502-477-3255
Curt Haun	Principal	502-477-3255
Steven Rucker	Assistant Principal	502-477-3255

10. Comments

The administration and staff were very helpful during the visit. The Title IX file included the last five years of Annual Reports along with copies of the two original audits. There was little evidence of meetings and records of such. It appears that a sudden change in administration resulted in an incomplete Title IX file. Current administration appears to be very dedicated and committed to developing an efficient and working file. They were very receptive to comments made by the auditor. Coaches and athletes interviewed were very positive about the provided experiences and opportunities at Spencer County High School.

The public forum, scheduled for 3:00 pm, was held in a meeting room adjacent to the library. Those in attendance included the Superintendent of Spencer County, School Board Member, and other members of the current committee. The auditor gave an overview of the Title IX program. Comments were made by those in attendance regarding the value and support given to all programs at Spencer County High School, and their approach for constant re-evaluation to offer more opportunities and benefits to the students of Spencer County.