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The MSBSD School Board and Administration set goals and align policies to achieve the best for every Mat-Su student in an equitable environment, including through high school sports and activities. We have in place policies and practices allowing students maximum opportunities to excel on the fields of play in a wide variety of sports and activities at all levels. “This year,” says Dr. Deena Paramo, Mat-Su’s superintendent, “we are continuing to focus on *Building Champions*. That means that every child in our schools is a champion—in the classroom and proudly on the field, concert stage, or other activity venue.”

Following the Alaska School Activity Association (ASSA) rules and regulations, our students also gain access to Division I and Division II college and university athletics and our high school Program of Studies clearly outlines the available courses required and approved by the NCAA. Helping students navigate the processes is only part of what we do in the MSBSD. We also provide strong support in meeting the challenges of personal responsibility and personal choices. Students are required to follow the ASAA state regulations regarding controlled substances, concussion protocols, and other wide-ranging requirements.

NEW and available to students, parents, staff, and community stakeholders is the MSBSD Sports & Activities channel, available from the MSBSD home page. A collaboration between the Office of Instruction and Information Technology, some of the features include:

- Athletic Schedules—Through Arbitr Live, find schedules for all high school sports and teams, Alaska School Activity Calendars (ASSA), and a complete run-down of all fall, winter, and spring sports activities
- Event Admission—for students (all levels), adults, and senior adults
- I-Play! Athletic Registration—NEW MSBSD online athletic registration, including fees, waivers, and eligibility
- Homeschool/Alternative Education Students—Senate Bill 119 allows homeschool students in grades 9-12 to participate in athletics at a public school. Learn more from the ASAA policies and the MSBSD School Board Policy links
- Other information—Access helpful forms and an i-Play Checklist to insure that all
- necessary information is provided for activities, as well as access the MSBSD Co-Curricular Handbook
- Concussion information—Access ASAA’s adopted concussion management guidelines and policies, in addition to the MSBSD Concussion Protocol information
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life—Learn more about ASAA’s participation and regulations about controlled substances in the statewide Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Prevention program, informing Alaska teens and parents about the value of good choices and the consequences of poor choices
- NCAA Eligibility—Find a complete guide for the college-bound student-athlete and the standards for participation in Division I and Division II athletics, and download the MSBSD Approved NCAA Courses (a complete guide to our District Program of Studies)

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Select the “Athletics” Channel on the MSBSD home page. For more information, you may call the Office of Instruction at 907-746-9212, or the Public Information Office at 907-746-9251.