

**Richland County School District One  
2006-2007 Athletic Tutorial Program**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Pursuant to Richland County School District One Board Policy IDE and Administrative Rule IDE-R, Athletic Tutorial Programs were hosted at each middle and high school across the District for the 2007-2008 school year. Athletic Tutorial Programs were open to all students however, these programs were mandatory for students participating in competitive, co-curricular activities and who were in danger of falling below the 2.0 grade-point average required by the district for athletic team participation. The students/student athletes were mandated to attend athletic tutorial at least three times a week for a minimum of 2 hours each session. Athletic Tutorial Programs were hosted during the extended day hours. Schedules varied among individual schools. Athletic Tutorial Programs began from the timeframe of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and operated through the month of May 2007. This schedule was designed to provide tutorial assistance to student-athletes competing in both Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 sports. To assist in the monitoring of the Athletic Tutorial Programs:

- Quarterly Reports (each 9-weeks Period) were completed by the Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers and Athletic Tutorial Program Directors/Coordinator and submitted to the Office of Extended Day Programs for data collection and analysis
- Site Visits were conducted by the Director of Extended Day Programs, and
- Professional Development Training was conducted to train staff of best practices for program implementation.

In total, **2,798** student athletes (on average) were served this year.

## STAFFING

Athletic Tutorial Programs were staffed with a school-based Athletic Director or Athletic Coordinator, a Lead Teacher, and Content Area Teachers (Tutors). The Athletic Tutorial Program mandated that Lead Teachers and Content Area Teachers were Certified Teachers with South Carolina State Teaching Credentials.

School Name	Number of Teachers Hired (+ 1 Lead Teacher)	Program Schedule	Program Start Date
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>			
<b>(* Indicates Middle Schools Incorporating the Athletic Tutorial Program into the Comprehensive Remediation Program</b>			
*Alcorn Middle	7	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
Crayton Middle	3	Tuesday and Thursday 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
*Gibbes Middle	4	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:50 pm – 5:55 pm	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
Hand Middle	3	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Extended Day) 3:50 pm – 5:55 pm (Early Bird Session) 7:30 – 8:30 am (During the Day Tutoring)	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
Hopkins Middle	2	NA	NA
W.A. Perry Middle	NA	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:50 pm – 5:55 pm	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
*Sanders Middle	12	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007)
Southeast Middle	5	Monday – Thursdays (Early Bird Session – 7:30 am – 8:30 am) (Extended Day – 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm)	October 9 <sup>th</sup> – December 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fall) January 8 <sup>th</sup> - April 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Spring)
St. Andrews Middle	1	Tuesday and Thursday 3:45 – 5:45 pm	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>			
<b>(* Indicates High Schools Incorporating the Athletic Tutorial Program into the</b>			

<b>PROJECT GOAL Afterschool Program</b>			
A.C. Flora	5	Tuesday and Thursday 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm	NA
Columbia	1	NA	NA
Dreher	2	Monday – Thursday (Study Hall) 3:15 – 4:30 pm Athletic Tutorial Program Tutoring Tuesday – Thursday 3:15 pm – 5:45 pm	September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 – May 2007.
*Eau Claire	9	Monday – Thursday 3:00 – 5:00 pm	NA
Keenan	7	Monday – Thursday 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Lower Richland	5	Monday – Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 – May
C.A. Johnson	5	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:15 pm – 4:20 pm	August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 – May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Three, Professional Development Sessions were held for Athletic Directors, Athletic Coordinators, Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers, and Athletic Tutorial Program Teachers/Tutors. The respective, Professional Development Sessions covered the following topics:

<b>Professional Development Session</b>	<b>Professional Development Topic</b>	<b>Attendance by Athletic Tutorial Program Staff</b>
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2006 <b>(Coaches Convocation)</b> Olympia Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “C” Average Policy/Rule</li> <li>• “Books &amp; the Bullpen: Keeping Student Athletes Eligible and on the Playing Field” – Dr. Traci Young Cooper (Director of Extended Day Programs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Athletic Directors, Athletic Coordinators, Coaches and Extra-Curricular Sports Sponsors across the District (Approximately 250 attendees)</li> </ul>
September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 <b>(Fall Professional Development Session)</b> Columbia High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Implementing Effective Athletic Tutorial Programs/Strategies for Success” – Mr. Harold White (University of South Carolina Athletic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 11 Attendees (Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers and Content Area Teachers/Tutors)</li> </ul>

	Academic Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Planning and Structuring Proven Methods and Techniques to Reach Student Athletes Academically” – Coach Kristen Kirst (NFL ‘Play It Smart’ Program)</li> </ul>	
February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 <b>(Spring Professional Development Session)</b> Crayton Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Academic Goals” – Mr. Rex Nobles (University of South Carolina – African American Professors Program)</li> <li>• “Know It All On-Line Resources” – Ms. Andrea Thorpe (South Carolina Educational Television)</li> <li>• “Reading/Testing Strategies” – Ms. Ginny Morris (Richland One – English Language Arts Consultant, Office of Curriculum and Instruction)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 20 Attendees (Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers and Content Area Teachers/Tutors)</li> </ul>

## CONCLUSIONS

Based on the data collected this year, quarterly reports, and site visits, it is the position of the Office of Extended Day Programs that pursuant to its charge and mission, the Athletic Tutorial Program successfully hosted Athletic Tutorial Programs for student athletes in danger of failing or falling below the mandated, “C” Average. Further analysis of the 2006-2007 Athletic Tutorial Program Attendance/Enrollment and Eligibility information, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- Student Athletes are attending the Athletic Tutorial Program and taking advantage of the services that are available to them.
- Based on the ratio of student athletes at the middle school and high school sites named ineligible each semester, the Athletic Tutorial Program appears to be helping in reducing the number of student athletes deemed ineligible.

- Student Athlete attendance in the Athletic Tutorial Program after the Fall semester decreases in comparison to the Spring, Athletic Tutorial Program Session.
- Relevant Professional Development Topics/Sessions were provided for the Athletic Tutorial Program Staff to assist them in developing the program, sustaining the program, implementing best practices for the program, and assessing the program's progress.
- Attendance by Staff at the Professional Development Sessions was low. Athletic Directors, Athletic Coordinators, Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers, Athletic Tutorial Program Teachers/Tutors did not attend offered Athletic Tutorial Program Professional Development Sessions that were available.
- Mandated Quarterly Reports were not submitted in a timely fashion by designated Lead Teachers and Athletic Directors and Athletic Coordinators. Deviation from the prescribed submission time-tables caused Data Analysis Reports for the District's designated Executive Staff (i.e. Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, Director of Intervention Services, and the District Athletic Director) to be incomplete and lacking critical data.
- The \$5,800 Athletic Tutorial Program allocation was not sufficient to fully fund all the Athletic Tutorial Programs for the entire year.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

- All Student Athletes should attend Athletic Tutorial. Mandating that Student Athletes attend will enhance the morale and attitude of those Athletes in danger of failing and who deem attending Athletic Tutorial as a punishment and stigma.
- All Athletic Tutorial Programs should begin on the recommended date/time (Week of September 10<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007).
- Student Athletes should be mandated to attend Athletic Tutorial during the semester of their sports play, and during the semester of non-sports play.

- Incorporate the use of NOVA-Net, HSAP Preparation, SuccessMaker Lab (Middle School Level), and TCA – Triumph College Admissions Test Program, as resources to enhance and broaden the remediation services available for student athletes attending the program. These resources will also be helpful as student-athletes aim for post-secondary entry and eligibility.
- Appropriate and relevant Professional Development should be provided for Athletic Tutorial Program Staff to ensure the successful use and implementation of the aforementioned computer assisted remediation and test-prep programs (i.e. NOVA-Net, HSAP Preparation, TCA – Triumph College Admissions Test Program, SuccessMaker, etc.)
- Quarterly Reports should be submitted to the Office of Extended Day Programs as mandated. Failure to submit reports in a timely fashion impacts District-wide data analysis efforts of this program.
- Athletic Directors and Athletic Coordinators must mandate that those students targeted for Athletic Tutorial Program assistance are targeted, monitored and enrolled in the Athletic Tutorial Program.
- Athletic Directors, Athletic Coordinators, Athletic Tutorial Program Lead Teachers, and Athletic Tutorial Program Teachers/Tutors should be mandated to attend the prescribed and scheduled Professional Development Program sessions. Hourly payment should be granted to the Staff for attending these mandatory sessions.
- Develop on the Office of Extended Day Programs Website a feature highlighting the District's Student Athletes maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Student Athletes names, sport(s), Coach's Name, Athletic Director/Athletic Coordinator's Name, and Student Athlete's picture will be posted on this site.
- Increase the \$5,800 Athletic Tutorial Program allocation for each school. In some cases, this allocation is insufficient to operate recommended Athletic Tutorial Program sessions over the

36 weeks of the school year. In some cases, monies to support this program do not cover the entire year and if the program has to be abbreviated in some form, the Spring sports teams are adversely impacted.

- A formal, quarterly report form will be given to the Athletic Tutorial Program Staff (Lead Teachers and Athletic Directors/Athletic Coordinators) to ensure that the data collected is uniform. More description/instructions regarding reporting data will be outlined on the quarterly reports and during the Orientation at the Coaches Convocation. This effort is designed to uniform all data and to define terms for reporting submitted data.
- To accompany the year-end Student Athlete attendance/enrollment and eligibility data, a subjective, semester-end survey for Athletic Tutorial Program Participants (Students) should be administered (Fall and Spring) to measure how the program can continue to meet the needs of the student-athletes addressing key areas such as:
  1. The degree student athletes felt the athletic tutorial program benefited them academically and personally.
  2. What Student Athletes enjoyed/disliked about the Athletic Tutorial Program, and
  3. What Student Athletes feel are means to enhance or expand the Athletic Tutorial Program.

## **STUDENT ATHLETE ATTENDANCE/ENROLLMENT**

The attendance and student athlete participation rates are outlined below:

School Name	Athletic Director- Athletic Coordinator	Student Attendance 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks (October)	Student Attendance 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks	Student Attendance 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks (January) (March)	Student Attendance 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 weeks	# of Student Athletes Ineligible for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	# of Students Athletes Ineligible for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Alcorn Middle	Susan Diemer	99	340	191	87	2	0
Crayton Middle	Herbie Andrews	5	5	4	3	8	3
Gibbes Middle	Tim Thompson/Claudia Brooks	52	36	23	17		5
Hand Middle	Elizabeth Williams	21	21	21	22	0	0
Hopkins Middle	Rosa Johnson	40	22	6	1	0	0
Sanders Middle	Collie Rayford	25	26	26		3	
Southeast Middle	Thadoeis Oaks	18 total 4 students in morning 14 students in the afternoon	18 total 4 students in morning 14 students in the afternoon	18 total 4 students in morning 14 students in the afternoon	10	1 student currently	1
St. Andrews Middle	A.J. Smith/Shamari Moody	4	30	7	9	0	0
<b>Total Student Athlete Participation: Middle School</b>		<b>264</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
A.C. Flora	Mike Sisks	45	225	3	45	3	7
Columbia	Larry Kearsse	50	50	30	20	13	17
Dreher	Mike Dubard	30	30	30	12	5 (football)	15
Eau Claire	James Casey	39	29	47		4	
Keenan	David Miessimore	83	83	59	57	2	10
Lower Richland	Ronald Sewell	91	91	62	39	19	19
C.A. Johnson	Ms. Outlaw	45	52	40	60	2	5
<b>Total Student Athlete Participation: High School</b>		<b>383</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total Student Athlete Participation: Middle/High School Culminating Number: 2,798</b>		<b>647</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>82</b>