

Interscholastic Athletics (ATHL) Module

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate how to accurately report school level data on interscholastic sports, teams, and participants for the Interscholastic Athletics (ATHL) module. This document provides a walkthrough of the module along with instructions and illustrations on how to accurately complete each table. This document provides key definitions and frequently asked questions to assist data submitters in determining how to accurately report the following:

- ATHL-1: Interscholastic Athletics Indicator
- ATHL-2: Interscholastic Athletics Sports and Teams
- ATHL-3: Interscholastic Athletics Participants

Dates

The data reported should be based on the entire 2021-22 school year, including summer, up to one day prior to the start of the following school year.

Skip Logic

This module contains skip logic. Skip logic automatically skips the user to the next table to be populated based on previous answers provided. Skipped tables are not to be populated.

- ATHL-1: Interscholastic Athletics Indicator

Resource Links

 [CRDC Resource Center Training Videos](#)

DATA ELEMENT CHANGES FROM THE 2020-21 CRDC

REVISED and REQUIRED

- **ATHL-1** Interscholastic Athletics Indicator

REVISED! ALL STUDENTS CATEGORY NEW AND OPTIONAL

- **ATHL-2** Interscholastic Athletics Sports and Teams

NEW AND REQUIRED

- **ATHL-3:** Interscholastic Athletics Participants

KEY DEFINITIONS

Interscholastic athletics refers to team-based organized sports activities that offer competition between schools.

Interscholastic athletics sports refers to distinct sports, such as football, basketball, soccer, swimming, and tennis. Intramural sports and sideline cheerleading are not considered interscholastic athletics sports.

Interscholastic athletics sports teams refers to the competitive-level teams of each interscholastic athletics sport, such as freshman team, junior varsity team, and varsity team.

Interscholastic athletics sports team participant refers to a student who participates in an interscholastic athletics sports team (e.g., a student who participates in a freshman soccer team).

“Students who participate” refers to those students who receive the school-sponsored support normally provided to athletes participating in school-sponsored sports, are participating in organized practice sessions and other team meetings and activities on a regular basis, and are listed on the eligibility or squad lists maintained for each sport. Participation is not contingent upon the actual playing of a game.



For 2021-22 CRDC

For the CRDC, using **nonbinary** as a third value for the sex category is appropriate for students whose sex is not listed as male or female in their school records.

- **Nonbinary** means not exclusively male or female. Transgender students may be reported as male, female, or nonbinary.

[Reporting Nonbinary for K-12 Students](#)

Sport or Team Classification Guidance:

- The focus is on sports and teams with a certain type or types of students as opposed to sports and teams that exclude a certain type or types of students. This is consistent with how the CRDC has collected teams and sports data in the past.
- A sport or team with males but no females, and **with or without nonbinary students** should be classified as a male only sport or team.
- A sport or team with females but no males, and **with or without nonbinary students** should be classified as a female only sport or team.
- A sport or team with males and females and **with or without nonbinary students** should be classified as an all-students sport or team.

ATHL-1: Interscholastic Athletics Indicator

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Only for schools with any grade 9-12, UG high school age students

From the start of the 2021-22 school year, including summer, up to one day prior to the 2022-23 school year, did this school have any students in grades 9-12 (or the ungraded equivalent) who participated in interscholastic athletics?

	Yes/No
Please select "Yes" or "No"	<input type="text" value=""/>

Figure 1. ATHL-1: Interscholastic Athletics Indicator

ATHL-2: Interscholastic Athletics Sports and Teams
REVISED! ALL STUDENTS CATEGORY IS NEW AND OPTIONAL

Only for schools with any grade 9-12, UG high school age students who participate in interscholastic athletics

- Data are required for Male Only and Female Only categories, as shown below:

From the start of the 2021-22 school year, including summer, up to one day prior to the 2022-23 school year, enter the number of active interscholastic athletics sports and teams for students in grades 9-12 (or the ungraded equivalent), and with males only, with females only, or with all students.

	Male Only	Female Only	All Students (Optional)	Total
Number of sports:	3	2	3	8
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Number of teams:	1	1	3	5
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Figure 2. ATHL-2: Interscholastic Athletics Sports and Teams

ATHL-3: Interscholastic Athletics Participants
NEW AND REQUIRED

Only for schools with any grade 9-12, UG high school age students who participate in interscholastic athletics

- Data are required for males, females, and nonbinary students as shown below:

From the start of the 2021-22 school year, including summer, up to one day prior to the 2022-23 school year, enter the number of students in grades 9-12 (or the ungraded equivalent) who participated on interscholastic athletics sports teams.

	Males	Females	Nonbinary	Total
Number of participants:	11	6	1	18
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Figure 3. ATHL-3: Interscholastic Athletics Participants

Data involving interscholastic athletics are collected to ensure gender equality in athletic opportunities in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.



The U.S. Department of Education's policy guidance on interscholastic athletics is available at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocr-k12-athletic-resource-202302.pdf>.

The CRDC collects data, disaggregated by sex, on student enrollment and educational programs and services.

For purposes of reporting sex in the CRDC, students generally should be counted consistent with the sex listed in the student's records at the time the data are reported.

Nonbinary Students and Interscholastic Athletics

The school should count the number of participants on an athletics team, regardless of whether any of the students are nonbinary.

For example:

- If the basketball team has 12 female students and 1 nonbinary student, the team is considered **females only**.
- If the football team has 15 male students and 1 nonbinary student, the team is considered **males only**.
- If the lacrosse team has 10 male students and 6 nonbinary students, the team is considered **males only**.
- If the field hockey team has 5 female students and 5 nonbinary students, the team is considered **females only**.
- If the sports team has 10 male students, 10 female students and 2 nonbinary students, the team is considered an **"all students" team**.

Interscholastic Sports

- Include all students' interscholastic athletics sports, beginning from the start of the 2021-22 school year, up to one day before the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- Enter the number of interscholastic athletics sports for students in grades 9-12, and with males only, with females only, or with all students. Include sports for ungraded high school age students in the count.
- Count only high school-level interscholastic athletics sports.
- Count each sport (e.g., baseball, basketball, soccer, football) one time.
- Do not count intramural sports.
- Do not count sideline cheerleading as a sport.
- A sport with males but no females, and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as a male sport.
- A sport with females but no males, and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as a female sport.
- A sport with males and females and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as an all students sport.

Table 1. Interscholastic Sports Tally

	Males Only	Females Only	All Students
Basketball	1	1	
Softball			1
Baseball	1		
# of sports	2	1	1

TIP

Dance line, debate, choir, and band are NOT considered interscholastic sports.

Interscholastic Teams

- Include all students' interscholastic athletics teams, beginning from the start of the 2021-22 school year, up to one day before the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- Enter the number of interscholastic athletics teams for students in grades 9-12, and with males only, with females only, or with all students. Include teams for ungraded high school age students in the count.
- Count only high school-level interscholastic athletics teams.
- The count of interscholastic athletics sports teams includes each competitive-level team in each sport (e.g., football freshman team, football junior varsity team, football varsity team; baseball freshman team, baseball junior varsity team, baseball varsity team).
- A team with males but no females, and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as a male team.
- A team with females but no males, and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as a female team.
- A team with males and females and with or without nonbinary students should be classified as an all students team.

Table 2. Interscholastic Teams Tally

		Males Only	Females Only	All Students
Basketball	Freshman			
	JV	1	1	
	Varsity	1	1	
Softball	Freshman			
	JV			
	Varsity			1
Baseball	Freshman			
	JV	1		
	Varsity	1		
# of teams		4	2	1

Participants on Interscholastic Sports Teams

- Include all student participants on interscholastic athletics sports teams, beginning from the start of the 2021-22 school year, up to one day before the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- Enter the number of students in grades 9-12 who participated on interscholastic athletics sports teams. Include ungraded high school age students in the count.
- Count a student one time for each sports team the student participates on. For example, a female student who participates in a female basketball junior varsity team and a co-ed softball varsity team would be counted twice.
- Interscholastic athletics sports teams include all-students sports teams and single-sex sports teams.
- Student participation may include participation in practices, games, or both.

Table 3. Participants on Interscholastic Sports Teams Tally

	Males	Females	Nonbinary
Freshman Basketball			
JV Basketball		1	
Varsity Basketball			
Freshman Softball			
JV Softball			
Varsity Softball		1	
Freshman Baseball			
JV Baseball			
Varsity Baseball			
# of participants		2	

How to Report Sports, Teams, and Participants in a Co-Op with Another School

Counting Students from Neighboring Schools

- Teams/Participants are reported where the team is formed.

For example:

If a student participates on a co-ed softball team for a neighboring school because the student's school does not have a softball team, then the student should be reported at the school where the team is formed.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What should a school do if it cancels the season due to public health concerns (e.g., COVID-19) after the team has played its first game?** The school should count the sport, the team, and the participants.
2. **What should a school do if it cancels the season due to a natural disaster (e.g., a hurricane or wildfire) after the team has played its first game?** The school should count the sport, the team, and the participants.
3. **Would a football team with males and one female be considered an "all students" team?** Yes. If the football team has both males and a female, then the team should be reported as an "all students" team.
4. **Should rising 8th graders who participate in freshman and junior varsity athletic sports be reported as participants?** No. The school should only report high school age students in grades 9-12 or the ungraded equivalent.

When to Report Zero (0)

Zeros represent an actual count or number for fields that are applicable to a given school or LEA. Report a zero ("0") only if the LEA has collected the information and the amount to report for that field is zero.

When to Use Blanks (i.e., Null Values)

Do not report a "0" for data not collected. Leave a field blank (i.e., null) if the LEA does not collect data for that field, if the amount asked is unknown, or if the question does not apply to the LEA.

When to Use Not Submitted (NS)

When an uploaded data flat file contains a data value in a cell that should have been left blank, the data file must be corrected and then uploaded again. To correct the file, an "NS" must be entered into the cell. The "NS" returns the contents of the cell to a "not submitted" or null status. Please note that entering a null value (i.e., blank) into the cell will not overwrite the existing value in the cell. Also, the use of "NS" applies to file uploads only and not on-screen data entries.

When Data are not Collected or Available

Contact the Partner Support Center (855) 255-6901 or crdc@aemcorp.com to determine if the LEA will need to submit an [action plan](#).

Not Applicable (NA) and Zero (0) Autofills in Tables

The online CRDC data submission system remembers information that has been entered in other tables and modules and uses that information to fill related tables with either a Not Applicable (NA) code or zero (0) where appropriate. For example, if it is reported that a school does not have any female students who are EL, then other tables that ask for counts of female students who are EL will be automatically filled with a zero.

Contact the Partner Support Center

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