

## Swimming

I am requesting that we dissolve our swimming coop with Williston H.S., effective at the end of this year. I am recommending that we add boys and girls swimming to our extra-curricular programming. There are several reasons on why I feel we should move in this direction.

1. Safety and Security of our students
  - a. This is the number one reason for the request and recommendation
  - b. Our swimmers are traveling to Williston to catch the bus or driving themselves to the meets. Williston usually takes HWY 2 to get to 90% of their meets. As we know, HWY 85 is not the safest road for our students to travel on. They are traveling HWY 85 frequently to go to Williston to catch the bus.
2. Loss of class time
3. Our students lose class time because the need to travel to Williston. Most of the meets are on Friday and Saturday. Our students leave Thursday to Williston for departure to the meets. When our swimmers don't travel to Williston for departure, parents are expected to take their child to swim meets. When parents take their respective student athlete to meets, the leave times from one student to another are not consistent.
4. Our current number of swimmers, boys and girls, is strong enough to support our own teams. The Dickinson Dolphins Swim Club (DDSC) has over 60 swimmers in the program. I feel if DHS does sponsor swimming, the numbers would grow. The DDSC feels they would retain more swimmers if they did not have the coop with Williston and did not have the travel that is involved with the coop.

I would recommend that we follow the same protocol we have in the past when starting a new extra-curricular. Below would be the estimated cost, to the district, if we followed that model.

### Coach Salaries:

Head Coach: 13.7% of base--\$6,000

Asst. Coach: 7.1% of base--\$3,200

### Transportation:

Mileage for both seasons: 5,000 miles @ \$1.47 per mile = \$7,350

**Estimated total cost to district = \$16,550**

Dickinson Dolphins Enrollment Numbers 2014 and 2015

Ages	Gender	2014	2015
7-8	Female	2	4
7-8	Male	6	5
9/10	Female	9	10
9/10	Male	9	11
11/12	Female	12	10
11/12	Male	3	5
13/14	Female	5	13
13/14	Male	1	4
15/16	Female	4	3
15/16	Male	1	2
17/18	Female	1	1
17/18	Male	4	3
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Total		57	71