

**AGREEMENT TO ALLOW COLOGNE ACADEMY STUDENTS
TO PARTICIPATE IN LIMITED JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AT
BELLE PLAINE SCHOOL (District 716)**

Background

A request from Cologne Academy has been made to allow 7th and 8th grade students from Cologne Academy who live in the ISD 716 school district boundaries to participate on Belle Plaine Junior High School 7th and 8th grade athletic teams.

Process

In order for Cologne Academy students who live in the District 716 boundaries to be able to compete in Belle Plaine Junior High School sports programs, the school boards from each entity must agree to a joint agreement.

Contest of the Agreement

Cologne Academy students in grades 7 and 8 will be eligible to participate only on the "true" Junior High school athletic teams, which include the following activities: football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, dance team, softball, baseball, golf and track & field. Participation in these programs will be exclusively at the 7th & 8th grade level. Due to Minnesota State High School League guidelines and restrictions, NO participation will be allowed by Cologne Academy students at the 9th, JV or Varsity level or in any program where 7-12 students practice in the same facility (swimming & diving, gymnastics, alpine skiing, hockey and wrestling).

The decision to allow Cologne Academy students to participate will be made jointly by the school administration of District 716 and the Cologne Academy administration. Daily schedule differences may necessitate special allowances for students by their respective school administrators. Once a student receives permission to participate, he/she will be expected to follow all rules and expectations like all other team members. Minnesota State High School League rules, Belle Plaine Junior High School and Belle Plaine High School rules and the expectations for students at Cologne Academy will all apply.

It is understood that there is no expectation to alter practice or competition schedules to make it possible for Cologne Academy students to participate. The burden to accommodate will be on the student, teachers, school principal and parents of the Cologne Academy students.

It is recommended that the agreement be renewed annually. However, if the arrangement does not work to the benefit of all schools, it should be altered or terminated.

Transportation from Cologne Academy to practice venues will be the responsibility of the parents of the participating students. In some cases, the student may also need to have a parent transport him/her to a contest.

Participation fees for Cologne Academy students will be the same as those paid by Belle Plaine Junior High School students. No additional costs will be passed on to either school as this agreement is not the same as a MSHSL Cooperative Agreement.

Summary

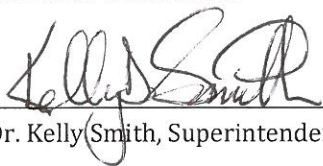
This agreement will provide increased opportunities for Cologne Academy students that live in the Belle Plaine School District. This agreement gives all 7th and 8th grade students in schools within District 716 similar options for sports participation.

JOINT AGREEMENT

Be it resolved that Independent School District 716 and the school board of Cologne Academy agree to allow 7th and 8th grade students at Cologne Academy to participate in limited athletic programs at Belle Plaine Junior High School. Permission to participate is to be granted on an individual basis by the Cologne Academy administration. Once permission is granted, all eligibility requirements of the Minnesota State High School League and District 716's Junior High School (Belle Plaine) must be met before a student is added to a team roster. In addition, all MSHSL, Belle Plaine MS, Belle Plaine High School and Cologne Academy rules & policies must be followed in order to maintain eligibility.

Be it further resolved that there is no expectation to alter the practice or competition schedules of the junior or high school teams to make it possible for Cologne Academy students to participate. In addition, it will be the responsibility of the parent of the student-athlete to provide transportation to practice venues and if necessary, to contests.

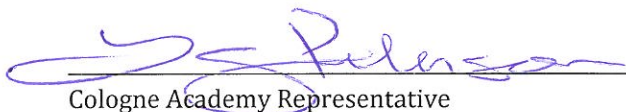
This agreement will be in effect from the date it is signed or until at least one party requests that the agreement be altered or terminated.



Dr. Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Schools, District 716

08/27/12

Date



Cologne Academy Representative

9/3/12

Date