

### ARCHERY CLUBS



**ARCHERY** can provide a healthy and popular activity for students. However, it involves the use of trajectories and must be directed with great attention and forethought accordingly.

#### Things you should consider when looking at developing an archery club:

- Contact your insurance broker regarding potential issues related to this activity.
- Consider the educational benefits and how this activity fits into your strategic plan.
- Interested staff and students may find alternative archery clubs already in place.
- The school board should be included in the decision-making process and be willing to support the club.
- Will this program be able to accommodate all students including students with disabilities, i.e. students with IEPs, 504 plans, or students who need accommodations?

#### PACE Best Practices:

- Review your weapons policy for compliance.
- Teachers or staff involved should be trained through the National Archery in the Schools Program or an equivalent independent organization.
- Clear parental agreement requiring signed permission to participate.
- Establish clear program expectations and procedures, including but not limited to:
  - a. Staff to student supervision ratios
  - b. Secure storage of equipment
  - c. Safe layout of shooting lanes
  - d. That only District owned equipment can be used
- That courses and set-up follow the standards defined in the information listed below.
- Always inspect equipment prior to use.

**ARCHERY CLUBS** can be established through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter/archery/>. This program, National Archery in the Schools Program (<https://www.naspschools.org/>) is an in-school archery program for students in grades 4-12. The archery curriculum was written by education, conservation, and target archery experts to meet state and national educational standards.

Archery Clubs established outside of the NASP need additional considerations. Please contact Risk Management at [riskmanagement@sdao.com](mailto:riskmanagement@sdao.com) for help with the additional considerations of an outside club.

Finally, if you choose to move forward with an archery club, you should consult with an attorney regarding any legal questions you may have and to review any legal documents you create such as permission forms and waivers. PACE Legal can provide legal assistance; you can contact the PACE attorneys at [pacelegal@osba.org](mailto:pacelegal@osba.org).