

POLICY: ST.JAMES BASKETBALL TEAMS COMPETING AT NATIONALS

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ST. JAMES BOARD OF EDUCATION AND AFFECTS ONLY OUR SCHOOL'S TEAMS REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHER SCHOOLS MAY DO.

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I. If it appears that a team may have the ability and record to compete at Nationals, the Athletic Director will apply within the January deadline.

II. Qualification

A. If a team places 1st at the MN State Tournament, they would automatically qualify for the National Tournament in Indiana, and our team would participate in this tournament.

B. Under the following circumstances/guidelines concerning St. James, a team could possibly accept an invitation to Nationals under the following situations if they finish 2nd or 3rd at State.

1. The team must be accepted from the Nationals nominating committee which looks at record, tournament finishes, league record, and State finish.

2. Under our guidelines, the team must have a solid overall win/loss record indicating that the team would be able to compete at the National level.

****NOTE:** The cost of going to Nationals is significant (over \$5000). We would want our team to be able to compete at this level to justify the cost.

3. For a 2nd or 3rd place team (upon being accepted by the National's Committee) to be allowed to go to Indiana to participate the following situation will take place: Prior to the State Tournament the Board of Education, Athletic Director, the team coach(es), and the Principal will meet to discuss the various scenarios that would be acceptable for a St. James team to be allowed to participate at the National Tournament in Indiana.

4. No St. James basketball team will be allowed to go to Nationals under any other circumstances.

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*St. James School Board
Approved: [Signature]*