

Opportunity Gap Reduction Plan 2023-2024

School District: Federal Way
High School: Decatur High School

School FRPL % 61%

ASB Card Possession Opportunity Gap %:	36%	Gap Plan Required?	Yes
Extracurricular Participation Opportunity Gap %:	12%	Gap Plan Required?	Yes
<p><i>The intent of ASB Card Possession/Extracurricular Activity Gap Plan is to reflect on and identify additional barriers that prevent students who are from low income families from participating in optional, noncredit extracurricular activities such as clubs, school events, and athletics. Please share your ASB and athletic fee data with your ASB student council before filling out this gap reduction plan. Gap Plans for 2023-2024 are required for either Opportunity Gaps over 8%.</i></p>			
<p>1. Our school used the following approaches to determine barriers to ASB card possession and/or extracurricular participation:</p>			
			Yes/No
Survey students on their participation			No
Survey parents on their students' participation			No
Evaluate required factors for participation (transportation, materials/uniforms, etc.)			Yes
Compare school data to other schools with similar demographics			Yes
Conduct a cost benefit analysis of offerings			Yes
<p>Other:</p> <p>The Athletic Director in attempt to prevent barrier for low income scholars, communicated with coaches and scholar-athletes about process for free-reduced lunch scholar-athletes that may have waiver to visit finance office to complete transaction for ASB Card.</p>			
2. What are some of your students' barriers to student possession of ASB Cards?			Barriers
Interest			No
Timing			Yes
Identifying eligible students			Yes
Communication/Marketing			No
Cultural responsiveness/awareness			No
<p>Other:</p> <p>Only scholars that are required for sports purchase an ASB Card. Scholars that are low income have difficulty accessing system for free-reduced lunch and fee waivers. Decatur HS needs to target scholars that may need assistance navigating the process.</p>			

3. What are some of your students' barriers to student participation in extracurricular activities?	Barriers
Transportation	Yes
Cost	Yes
Timing/Schedule	Yes
Availability/Options	No
Communication/Marketing	Yes
Cultural responsiveness/awareness	No
Interest	No
<p>Other:</p> <p>Some scholars do not participate because they know they have to purchase an ASB Card. Access to expected and optional equipment will prevent some scholars from participation. Decatur can use Advisory announcements and social media to make scholars aware resources that can help support participation.</p>	
<p>4. Describe the action steps the school/district will take to reduce the opportunity gap in student possession of ASB cards and/or participation in extracurricular activities for the upcoming school year.</p> <p>Decatur HS plans to target communication to scholars that may need assistance with sign up and requirements for participation. These announcements will also inform scholars that may have financial need with support for accessing sign up and securing necessary equipment. Communication regarding ASB fees should include the benefits for purchasing an ASB Card (i.e. reduced admission for dances and free admission to home athletic events and reduced admission for away contests). These communications will be sent to parents also using Parent Square and FinalForms. The ASB Student Finance Committee will seek financial support from Decatur Gator Booster Club for low income scholars that may not qualify for fee waiver.</p>	