

2024-25 Opportunity Gap Reduction Plan

School District: Federal Way
High School: Decatur High School

School FRPL % 63%

ASB Card Possession Opportunity Gap %:	27%	Gap Plan Required?	Yes
Extracurricular Participation Opportunity Gap %:	11%	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 2024-2025 are required for either Opportunity Gaps over 5%.</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			No
<p>Other:</p> <p>Decatur High School did not survey parents and scholars regarding participation interests and potential barriers. We did communicate in multiple methods the opportunities and requirements prior to each sport season.</p>			
2. What are some of your students' barriers to student possession of ASB Cards?			Barriers
Interest			Yes
Timing			Yes
Identifying eligible students			Yes
Communication/Marketing			Yes
Cultural responsiveness/awareness			Yes
<p>Other:</p> <p>The number one barrier is scholar having to pay the ASB Fee for themselves. I was surprised that some scholars still thought participation was free, only remembered the years during COVID shutdown and return with shortened season that we did not collect ASB Fees. Scholars have asked if an option will be added for them to pay online.</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	Yes
Communication/Marketing	No
Cultural responsiveness/awareness	Yes
Interest	Yes
Other: Scholars and the athletic director believe the biggest barrier is conflicts after school with family obligation, work schedules, or both. Transportation remains another barrier for many scholars. A few scholars have conflicts with community/club teams and therefore do not participate in school sports.	
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. Decatur High School will increase efforts to market the benefits of ASB Card purchase emphasizing free admission to home athletic events and discount for away games and DHS sponsored school activities (For Example Dances). Increased communication for scholar to communicate financial hardships with school counselor, athletic director, and coaches to access support. Additionally, Decatur HS will communicate information regarding online school registration (OLR) including importance of free/reduced lunch application and Federal Way Public School Fee Waiver process.	