

5th/6th Grade Baseball Team Proposal

Due to safety concerns and the prospect of limited game opportunities, Maurice Bowling Middle School is seeking support from the Board to enhance the opportunities of our students. Our 7th and 8th grade student-athletes will play under the umbrella of the OCHS program. There, they will play middle school specific games, as well as Freshman level games. 5th and 6th grade baseball players will play in the Northern Kentucky Baseball league.

Maurice Bowling Middle School is proposing the following:

- Addition of a coaching stipend for a 5th/6th grade middle school baseball coach - **\$1,600**
- Support from the Board in covering league fees - **\$270 per player**
 - This registration fee includes: ALL umpire fees for league games (all umpires are certified), a weekly 1.5 hour practice slot and field, 14 scheduled league games, participation in the End of Season Tournament, a full uniform (team specific jersey, pants, hat), and team equipment.
 - Fees will drop to **\$185 per player** if the team supplies their own equipment and uniforms.
- If necessary, bus transportation to after-school practices held within the community.

Currently, our middle school baseball players are being asked to play on a field that is suitable for the size and strength of high school students. Our 5th and 6th grade students can benefit from the reduced field size which will lead to safer conditions for them to play. Additionally, many middle school programs around us are consolidating programs with their high schools. This makes finding middle school games increasingly difficult. To provide for student athletes across grades 5 through 8, it seems this is the best option.