



Parent Information

Parents: eSports is a new opportunity for students to shine. While playing video games, your child can develop skills such as team-building, communication, critical thinking, and fast reaction speeds.

The goal of the program is to allow your child to properly express emotions in a controlled environment, while also discovering and building new talents. eSports is a program that removes barriers so more people may play equitably, regardless of age, gender, race, or disabilities.

In learning about eSports, we are sharing the information below with you to help strengthen our partnership and support of your child. We encourage you to be involved, and have fun!

I. Ask questions

As a parent, it can sometimes be difficult to come across as vulnerable or lacking in knowledge. Most of us expect to be able to answer most of the questions our child asks. It might even feel frustrating that we do not understand much of the child's main interest.

The solution may sound simple - ask questions! Genuinely curious questions will often go a long way towards deepening your understanding. Many young people are more than willing to talk about their last game, or the character they play at the moment, but few get the chance to talk about it with a parent who really engages with them. Dare to give them the time and attention to share their world with you – the payback is truly worth it!

II. Show that you value their interest

Previously, the primary meeting points for young people were physical locations, such as the local recreation center. Nowadays, a lot of social interaction has moved to online environments. Games and social media are genuinely important for young people's social interaction and the building of self-esteem. There are many opinions on this development, but the fact remains — digital social interaction is important to adolescents and Esports is an example of this. As a parent, you need to show that you value the interest and the time your child spends on Esports, the same way as you encourage and value other hobbies. Doing so is a prerequisite for being able to talk about Esports in a constructive way. If you do so, your children will talk to you about things that happened in the game environment, both positive and negative, in a natural way.

III. Learn the basics of the game

You do not need to be an expert on your child's game, but a basic knowledge of it will help your communication with them immensely. A common example of a conflict surrounding the game is mealtimes. Matches vary in time, but they can often take 45 minutes or longer. If a parent knows roughly how long the games are, it becomes easier to set the deadline for when the last game before dinner will start. Of course, everyday



life cannot only be guided by the game, but having to leave in the middle of a game in Club of Legends is comparable to being taken from a football match before it is finished.

A player who leaves before the end of the game also suffers a penalty, such as a temporary suspension. It also causes problems for the team — it is very difficult to win a game with too few players. Compare that situation with a basketball team that has to play a full game with only four players on the court.

IV. Play together

For some parents, it might sound far-fetched to sit down at the computer or TV and engage in Esports with their child. It may seem complicated or difficult. But, in reality, it is no different than playing football or reading a book with them. The energy you put into mastering the game will be repaid many times over when you share your child's favorite interests, and when you together experience all the emotions that Esports creates. As a bonus, you increase your knowledge of the game, which makes it much more likely that your child will spontaneously bring up the events in and around the games — they know that you already understand.

V. Get involved in Esports events

You've probably driven your children to practice for other sports, or sold hot dogs or coffee when they played a game - why should Esports be different? So help out by carrying chairs at community events, by carrying computers or by going with them to a tournament in another town. Parental presence in Esports is extremely important when it comes to creating positive norms!

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