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**SFUSD Athletic Office Report on High School Athletes' Academic Performance in  
2020-21**

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**SFUSD Athletes Outperform Non-Athletes In The Classroom In 2020-21**

In 2020-21, SFUSD athletes had higher GPAs than the SFUSD average in virtually every conceivable measurement.

The 2020-21 assessment examined students from the ten schools that played sports in the 2020-21 academic year. Those schools were: The Academy of San Francisco, Balboa, Burton, Galileo, Lincoln, Lowell, Marshall, Mission, San Francisco International, and Washington. The 2021 assessment also included students from Asawa-SOTA, whose students participate on The Academy's teams.

The 2020-21 assessment compared the ten schools' athletes' and non-athletes' spring semester grades. The comparison was limited to the spring semester as athletics was only held in the spring semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The athletes had better grades.

The athletes had a 3.57 average GPA in the spring semester of 2021. The non-athletes had a 3.07 average GPA.

Both male and female athletes had better grades than their non-athletic counterparts.

Male athletes had an average GPA of 3.49. Male non-athletes had an average GPA of 2.91. Female athletes had an average GPA of 3.68. Female non-athletes had an average GPA of 3.23.

The District's athletes also had better grades in every ethnic group.

In addition to having better grades, the athletes had better attendance than the non-athletes.

In addition to District overall GPA comparisons, the 2020-21 assessment also compared athletes to non-athletes at each of the ten schools that played sports plus Asawa-SOTA.

The athletes had better average GPAs than the non-athletes at each of the eleven schools. Also, on a school by school basis, the athletes in each ethnic group had better average GPAs than the non-athletes in 89.23% of the comparisons.

This 2020-21 data is strong evidence that participation in SFUSD's interscholastic athletic program is one of the strongest predictors of academic success. This data would lead to the conclusion that enhanced support for the SFUSD interscholastic program would be one of the most efficient means of improving SFUSD's overall academic performance.