

# CHALLENGER ATHLETICS PROGRAM

*Below is information that will explain Levittown's anticipated experience with the*

## ***"Challenger Athletic Program"***

The "**Challenger Athletics Program**" offers students with special needs the opportunity to be part of a school sports team and to compete against neighboring districts. The current structure includes students' grades 6 through 12 and has both boys and girls on the same team.

Currently there are **2** seasons in which teams compete:

- **Winter Season**: The sport is Basketball. This past year, the season (games) ran from the end of February through the beginning of April. Practices will begin in January.
- **Spring Season**: The sport is Track & Field. We will practice outdoors for various events. The season will culminate with the "**Victory Challenge Games**" at Mitchell Field Athletic Complex towards the end of May.

**Who Qualifies to be on the Challenger Team?** Any student with a physical or cognitive disability could be asked to join our team.

**Practices**: Practice will be held at Salk Middle School. Practices will be held from 3:00-4:00, one day per week. Students should be picked up no later than 4:00.

**Utilizing General Education Students**: Often times, general education students will be assisting with the teams by: Officiating Games, Assisting during practice, Assisting on the court/field during the games, Keeping time/score, etc.

**Games**: Students will be involved in approximately 6-8 Basketball games. As soon as games are scheduled the information will be forwarded.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call,

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