



March 11, 2026

To: Principal or Dean of Students

From: Gandalf French – East Region ODP Tournament Director

Re: ODP East Region Tournament
June 5-7, 2026, Lancaster, PA/Hammonton, NJ

On behalf of the Olympic Development Program (ODP) of the East Region, we would like to request the release of your student(s) to participate in the ODP Regional Event in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The dates are June 5-7, 2026.

We would be grateful if your student(s) can be excused from all classes from Friday June 5, 2026 in order to participate in this significant event. Our players will be competing against some of the best ODP teams from the Northeast.

This event is sanctioned by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), which is the national governing body for soccer. The USSF falls under the auspices of the United States Olympic Committee and the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). The mission of the USSF includes the preparation of teams for domestic and international competitions such as the Olympics, World Cup, US Cup, CONCACAF Championships and international exchanges.

It is a privilege for these young student-athletes to compete at this high level and we want to do everything possible to ensure that they have the opportunity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the East Region Tournament Director at (410) 768-5401.

Sincerely,

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