

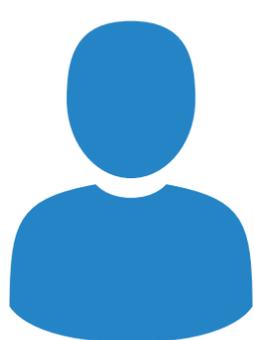
# GSE

## GARDEN STATE ESPORTS

### THE ROAD BACK NEEDS ESPORTS

#### THE ATHLETICS OF REMOTE LEARNING

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted every aspect of our lives. As we plan for students' return to schools, we must find meaningful ways to reengage and reconnect with students not just academically but socially and emotionally as well. Starting an esports club through Garden State Esports can help make students' transition back to school easier.

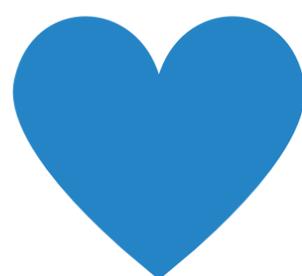


#### PRIORITIZING RELATIONSHIPS

An esports club is another way schools can foster supportive staff-student relationships. Since esports tends to draw students who are underserved by traditional sports or clubs, schools can ensure that ALL students have at least one caring staff member who checks in with them regularly during the transition back to school.

#### SAFE, INCLUSIVE SPACES

When students return to school, it is important they feel safe, connected, and hopeful. Our scholastic esports model is proven to help schools ensure that their esports club is a safe, inclusive space for ALL students where everyone plays fair and is a valued member of the team.



#### GAMING AND SEL

An esports club can be the perfect way to introduce students to Social Emotional Learning. Built around the CASEL competencies, our Esports Personal and Performance Improvement Curriculum (EPPIC) enhances students' capacity to integrate skills, attitudes, and behaviors to deal effectively and ethically with daily tasks and challenges while also helping students develop positive physical and mental health habits around gaming and in life.

#### ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Schools may be meeting in-person, hybrid, or virtually. No matter how schools meet, the online nature of esports clubs can allow it to be a consistent extra curricular activity for students to take part in no matter where they are. With traditional athletic seasons looking less and less likely, esports can fill that void for students looking for competition and camaraderie.



#### THE ROAD BACK NEEDS ESPORTS

GSE is working with the New Jersey School Boards Association to get more information out about the value of esports in education. **Checkout our webinar on esports here: [bit.ly/njsbawebinar](https://bit.ly/njsbawebinar)**

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