



**Charlotte Valley  
Central School**



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## **Charlotte Valley CSD and Schenevus CSD Approve Four-Year Athletic Merger Partnership**

The Boards of Education of Charlotte Valley Central School District and Schenevus Central School District have approved a four-year athletic merger partnership designed to preserve, strengthen, and expand interscholastic athletic opportunities for student-athletes in grades 7–12.

This collaborative effort reflects the shared commitment of both districts to providing high-quality athletic experiences while responding proactively to regional enrollment trends and the long-term sustainability of school athletic programs.

Under the approved plan, Charlotte Valley and Schenevus will merge a variety of athletic programs beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, pending final league approval. The agreement establishes a structured four-year framework that includes shared governance, equitable coaching representation, rotating league affiliations, collaborative scheduling, and annual program evaluations.

The merger includes modified, junior varsity, and varsity opportunities in:

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Cheerleading

District leaders emphasized that the merger is centered on students and designed to ensure that young athletes continue to have meaningful opportunities to participate, compete, and grow through educational athletics.

“This partnership allows both districts to maintain strong athletic programming while creating additional opportunities for our students,” district leaders shared jointly. “By working together, we can provide stable, competitive, and developmentally appropriate athletic experiences that benefit student-athletes, families, and both school communities.”

The merger agreement includes several important components designed to ensure equity and collaboration between the districts:

- Shared oversight by both Athletic Directors, Administration, and Boards of Education
- Coaching assignments and representation
- Shared use of athletic facilities and transportation responsibilities
- Consistent eligibility expectations and student-athlete standards
- Annual evaluations of participation, competitiveness, finances, and student experience

As part of the initiative, a Collaborative Athletic Merger Committee will also be established. The committee, comprised of students, coaches, administrators, and athletic directors from both districts, will help guide recommendations related to team branding, school spirit activities, athletic recognitions, and the overall student-athlete experience.

League affiliations will rotate every two years between the Delaware League and the Tri-Valley League to promote competitive balance and equitable travel responsibilities.

District officials noted that communication with families and communities will remain a priority throughout implementation. Joint communications will be shared prior to each athletic season, and both districts will continue to provide updates as the merger progresses.

The districts believe this partnership positions both schools to sustain vibrant athletic opportunities for years to come while continuing to prioritize student experience, school pride, and responsible stewardship of district resources.

Additional information regarding team organization, schedules, coaching appointments, and league approvals will be shared with families as details are finalized.