

# What is esports?

**ESPORTS STANDS FOR ELECTRONIC SPORTS** Esports requires a tremendous amount of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity from players to achieve and sustain success.



Esports takes video gaming to another level with organized competitive gameplay between two teams, governed by its own strict set of rules and guidelines. The difference is comparable to a pick-up basketball game at a park versus a varsity high school basketball game.

Today, esports is growing exponentially with over 400 million fans worldwide who repeatedly sell out arenas. Currently, there are more than **200 colleges and universities** offering almost **15 million dollars in scholarships**. Establishing esports in high school enables students to do what they love and provides them with additional opportunities to earn recognition.

## Benefits of Esports

### Character Development



Students build character and develop discipline, self-esteem and sportsmanship through practice and gameplay.

### Increase Participation



Esports are co-ed, inclusive, and engage students who might not otherwise participate in school athletics or activities.

### STEM Engagement



Esports players are often interested in STEM classes and programs. A high percentage of collegiate esports players select STEM majors.

### College Scholarships



More than 200 colleges and universities offer esports scholarships and are actively recruiting players for esports programs.

"Esports brings out a **new type of competition** in the school system that has never been introduced before. Some students who wouldn't ever want to participate in a sport now have the opportunity to do so while representing their school and building a community on campus."

Coach Dan Ungar,  
Weston High School, CT