

# A Parent's Guide

to

# ESPORTS



Also known as electronic sports, **esports** is a form of competition that is **facilitated through computer gaming**. Most commonly, esports takes the form of organized, multiplayer online video game competitions.

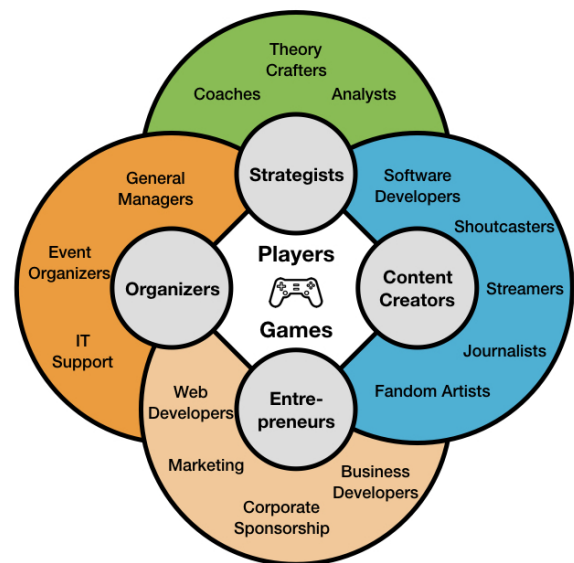
NASEF's esports ecosystem serves as a framework to **better understand the workforce opportunities within esports**.

## What does this mean for my student?

This means that when we talk about engaging all students, we really mean **ALL** students.

Rather than focusing on the 5-6 players on an esports team, we are looking to expose students to the wide variety of roles, expand their skills, and gain real experience in future potential career aspirations.

## Esports Ecosystem



*Diagram Citation: Anderson, Tsasas, Reitman, Lee, Wu, Steele, Turner & Steinkuehler (2018)*



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Our mission is to provide opportunities for **ALL** students to use esports as a platform to acquire critical communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to thrive in work and in life.

# COMMON QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS



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*My student is not engaged in or motivated by their studies and is performing poorly in core classes.*

*My student isn't interested in getting involved.*

NASEF captures students where they are— esports.

With a state-approved curriculum and a club model for extra curricular activities, we are attracting students to STEM and workforce sectors.



*My student is not able to join an athletic team, or is otherwise not interested in joining.*

*How can we improve their leadership or team-building skills?*

With NASEF, students are encouraged to take on various roles within their club, complimented by the Esports Ecosystem.

Additionally, joining an esports team supports the development of leadership, problem solving, and communication skills.



*How do I ensure my student stays safe against bullying and toxicity, both online and in-person?*

*What happens when someone violates NASEF's Code of Conduct?*

All NASEF partners, students, general managers, and coaches are held to the same standard: ensure our esports environment is inclusive, supportive and excellent.

In addition to our Code of Conduct, we have developed resources to educate students on the importance of diversity and inclusion and support clubs in intervening on misconduct issues.



*Why should I support my student in their interest of gaming and esports?*

Within the club model, your student will receive exposure from the variety of roles found within the esports industry. This early exposure can empower your student to pick up new skills and train current skills to better prepare them for the future workforce.

As a player, your student can receive an opportunity at a professional career, whether it be at the collegiate, semi-pro, or professional level. In high school alone, your student can have four years of experience under their belt to help support them, no different than baseball, soccer, or football.



Have more questions? Email us at [info@esportsfed.org](mailto:info@esportsfed.org)!  
We are here to help!