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PODER Academy Secondary School to Host First Wyoming High School Esports Invitational

Cheyenne, WY – PODER Academy Secondary School is proud to announce that its competitive eSports team will host the **First Wyoming High School Esports Invitational** on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, at the school’s secondary campus located at **1100 Richardson Court, Cheyenne, Wyoming**.

This landmark event marks the first high school eSports invitational of its kind in Wyoming and will welcome student competitors from **Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska** for a full day of high-level gameplay, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The tournament will run from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, with championship finals for each title beginning at **3:00 p.m.**

Featured Games

- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
- Rocket League
- Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

Throughout the day, teams will compete in structured bracket play leading up to the finals, where champions will be crowned in each game. Spectators are encouraged to attend and experience the fast-growing world of competitive high school eSports.

PODER Academy Secondary School’s eSports program has grown rapidly, providing students with opportunities to develop strategic thinking, communication skills, collaboration, and leadership through competitive gaming. The program emphasizes academic eligibility, teamwork, and responsible digital citizenship alongside competitive excellence.

“This invitational represents an exciting milestone not only for our school, but for high school FeSports across the region,” said Derek Schaneman, eSport Head Coach. “We are thrilled to welcome teams from three states and showcase how eSports can positively engage students while building critical skills for college and career readiness.”

The event is open to the public, and community members are invited to attend and support student competitors throughout the day.

For more information about the Wyoming High School Esports Invitational, please contact Derek Schaneman at derek@poderacademy.com.

About PODER Academy Secondary School

PODER Academy Secondary School (P.A.S.S.) is a free public charter school serving students in grades 7–12 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. As a college preparatory institution, the school provides a rigorous academic program alongside competitive extracurricular opportunities including chess, tennis, Speech & Debate, Math Club, Student Council, and eSports.