

PROCEDURE FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON VARSITY TEAMS

The following procedure will be followed regarding an eighth (8th) grade student participating on a varsity team.

Whenever we have a Middle School or Junior Varsity team in any sport, it is the exception rather than the rule for any eighth (8th) grade student to play at the Varsity level. Before any student-athlete does practice or participate in a game at an upper level, the following procedures will be followed.

1. The coaching staff, under the supervision of the head coach will have determined that the move is in the best interest of all concerned. Some considerations should be:
 - A. Will the student-athlete be able to handle the situations not only physically, but socially and emotionally as well? Request input from the Guidance Department.
 - B. Will the student-athlete be given adequate playing time? A move will not be permitted for the younger player to sit on the bench.
 - C. Will the move be in the best interests of both teams?
2. The coach requesting the move or the head coach must obtain the Athletic Director's and the Principal's approval in writing.
3. The Athletic Director will then discuss the situation with the student-athlete's parents/guardian and obtain in writing their permission to meet with the student-athlete.
4. The Athletic Director will then meet with the student-athlete.
5. Finally the MOVE-UP REQUEST FORM will be signed by the Athletic Director indicating all steps have been completed. No movement of players will occur before the completed MOVE-UP REQUEST FORM has been returned to the Principal with all signatures.

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