

ATHLETIC POLICY

The School Committee believes that the Granby Public School's athletic program is an extension of the academic program. The School Committee will make every effort to promote an interscholastic athletic program that is educationally sound. The School Committee will encourage a comprehensive program to meet the needs of as many of our students as possible.

The School Committee prohibits the participation of any seventh (7th) grader on a varsity or junior varsity team when a team exists at the middle school level. In the event that there is no middle school team seventh (7th) graders may tryout and participate at the junior varsity level only. Eighth (8th) grade students may tryout and participate on a junior varsity team if there is an occasion when such participation is necessary due to lack of sufficient numbers to field a junior varsity team or where no middle school team exists or as otherwise determined by the Principal. It is prohibited to make cuts at the varsity and/or junior varsity level in order to facilitate moving an eighth (8th) grader to the varsity or junior varsity level.

In the event that a team does not have a delineated junior varsity team or varsity team, such as in the case of cross country or wrestling, all members of the Jr./Sr. High School student body may participate.

Notwithstanding the School Committee's philosophical concerns, it recognizes that there may be occasions when an eighth (8th) grade athlete is viewed as having the physical, social and emotional maturity to be capable of playing at the varsity level even though a team exists at the middle school or junior varsity level.

On the occasion that this is the case, the procedure outline in JJI-R will be followed. The determination of eligibility will be reviewed and a decision rendered by the Athletic Director and the Principal. Violation of these procedures will be reflected in the coach's evaluation.

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