

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 199
Inver Grove Heights Community Schools
2990 80th Street East
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PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide the process and procedures to be used for consideration of participation by grade seven or grade eight students who attend Inver Grove Heights Middle School in high school athletic programs.

II. General Statement of Policy

The Inver Grove Heights community school district recognizes the need for flexibility in developing teams in the high school athletics program. Coaches who need consideration of non-high school students in order to field a team must contact the District Activities Director who will forward appropriate requests to the Superintendent. Only gifted athletes in grade seven or grade eight should receive consideration for participation in high school athletics and only when the athlete demonstrates such exceptional and superior athletic ability as well as physical and emotional maturity needed for high school competition. Furthermore, no grade seven or grade eight athletes may displace any high school athlete from participation in the sport.

A. Definitions

1. **Gifted Athlete:** An athlete at the seventh or eighth grade level who has such emotional and superior athletic ability in a particular sport as to be a consistent starter at the high school level.
2. **Participation:** Participation in high school athletic activities for grade seven and grade eight is defined as participating in practice and competitive events as a consistent starter at the high school level.

III. Responsibilities

The district activities director shall be responsible for dissemination of, and adherence to, the procedures for consideration of a request to allow a grade seven or a grade eight student to participate in high school athletics. In May of each year, the district activities director shall provide the school board with a complete summary of requests received for the academic year detailing the request initiator, date of request, grade level of student, sport, result of request as approved or denied and date of written notification provided to the requestor as well as a summary of process evaluations.

Cross Reference: AR 3.86 – Guidelines for Middle School Participation in High School Athletics

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