

# Team Selection Policy

The interscholastic athletic program is designed for students in the seventh and eighth grade who are capable of and desire a higher level of competition than provided in the core physical education program. The purpose of the program is to actively experience competitive sport, self values, team values and their interrelationship. Through participation, the student should develop a greater appreciation for: sport, rules of the game, sportsmanship, personal responsibilities, leadership and teamwork.

In addition, due to the competitiveness level of the league increasing, it may be necessary to limit the number of players on a team to insure both a realistic practice schedule and a competitive team where all members of that team are able to make a contribution.

That is, within the limits of the number of participants in a given sport and the number of minutes per game and games per season, any child wishing to participate in a sport should be included and given the opportunity to play.

Goals of the athletic team selection policy:

7th / 8th grade teams

1. Due to the competitiveness of the athletic league in which we participate, students at the seventh and eighth grade level can expect that the team will be cut to a workable number of players based upon skill ability, attitude and coachability.
2. Attendance at practice, compliance with team rules, ability, attitude, cooperation and coachability will be factors which the coach will use to determine playing time and positions.
3. Playing time may not be equal and will be at the discretion of the coach.
4. Positions of players on the team will be at the discretion of the coach.

Students at both grade levels are responsible for their uniforms and must turn them in after the season is completed. Students will be assigned to an after school detention until the uniform obligation is completed. If a student loses a uniform, they will be billed for the replacement cost.

Any student who might participate in a sport during the school year should turn in an Athletic Participation Form to the Physical Education department in September. Those forms will be available in the back-to-school packet distributed in July.