

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating, developing, and inspiring our students for lifelong success

Series Number 604.4.1.3.1P Adopted July 1986 Revised July 2023

Title **Notification of Request for Middle School Student Participation in High School Junior Varsity or Varsity Athletic Activities—Gifted Athlete**

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF:

Dear _____:

Enclosed you will find application forms to be completed by you and your child relating to a request to participate on an athletic team at the high school your child will attend in ninth grade*. I ask that you discuss the matter with your child and provide your child with any needed assistance in completing the form. Both forms should be returned to me as soon as it is convenient.

Enclosed you will also find a copy of our district policy regarding the participation of a middle school student on a high school team. **Such participation is an exception to the normal practice, but it is appropriate for a very few highly skilled and talented athletes whose level of performance far exceeds the program and the competition provided at the middle school level. Middle school students participating in high school athletics will not be released early from school to attend practice, but may be released early to attend competitions.**

As soon as your request is returned to me, I will contact our athletic director and ask that a thorough study be made of this request by members of our staff who know your child well. Then we will contact the principal of the high school and enlist the help of his or her staff to determine the feasibility of your child participating at that level.

I appreciate your concern and support for your child and the athletic programs of our school district. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our program or this process of meeting your child's needs.

Sincerely,



Middle School Principal

Enclosures

*If your child does not reside in the attendance area of the high school he/she will attend in ninth grade, complete and attach to the gifted athlete request forms District Procedure 502.4, Student Transfer Application, or District Procedure 502.4.1P, Intradistrict State Wide Enrollment Options Form. Gifted athlete approval does NOT guarantee acceptance or provide preference in the transfer process.

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Title Parent Request Form: Middle School Student Participation in High School Junior Varsity or Varsity Athletic Activities—Gifted Athlete

Student's name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Sport _____

NOTICE

District regulation 604.4.1.3AR allows gifted middle school athletes the opportunity to compete at the high school they plan to attend in 9th grade. Students planning to attend a high school outside of their attendance area are subject to District Procedure 502.2P, Attendance Priorities for Transfer Students or District Procedure 502.4.1AR, Student Transfers: State Enrollment Options Program. Gifted athlete approval does NOT guarantee acceptance or provide preference in the transfer process.

1. Why are you interested in having your child participate on a junior varsity or varsity high school team while your child is still enrolled in middle school?

2. Are you aware of any difficulties or unique needs associated with your child's participation in athletic activities at the high school level?

3. Please describe your child's past experience with and participation in the particular sport in which you seek to have your child participate.

4. Will continued participation at the middle school level be detrimental to your child if placement at the high school level does not occur? Please explain.

5. How does your child feel about the possibility of participating on a high school team?

6. Are there any other comments or concerns you wish to share regarding this recommendation?

**Thank you for sharing this information and your perceptions.
Please return the completed form to your child's middle school principal.**

Parent or guardian signature

Date

The information you provide on this form will be used by school staff in the process of determining your student's eligibility to participate in high school athletics. You are not required to provide the requested information, but failure to do so will prevent the district from considering the request for your student to participate in high school athletics.

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Title **Student Request Form: Middle School Student Participation in High School Junior Varsity or Varsity Athletic Activities—Gifted Athlete**

TO: _____, Middle School Principal

FROM: _____, Grade _____

RE: Request to Participate on the High School _____ Team
(sport)

1. I request that I be allowed to participate on the high school junior varsity or varsity team rather than on our middle school team because:

2. I feel that my skills will allow me to be successful on the high school team because:

Student signature

Date

Notice: The information you provide on this form will be used by school staff in the process of determining eligibility to participate in high school athletics. You are not required to provide the requested information, but failure to do so will prevent the district from considering a request to participate in high school athletics.

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Title Administrative Staffing Summary for Middle School Student Participation
in High School Junior Varsity or Varsity Athletic Activities—Gifted Athlete

Student _____ Date _____

School _____ Grade _____ Sport _____

- A. Options discussed:
- B. The following members of this committee met and considered the above-named student's request to participate in a junior varsity or varsity level athletic activity.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
_____	Middle School Principal
_____	High School Principal
_____	Middle School Athletic Director
_____	High School Athletic Director
_____	Middle School Head Coach
_____	High School Head Coach
_____	School Psychologist

- C. We recommend/do not recommend (*circle one*) that the above-named student be given the opportunity to participate on a junior varsity or varsity level team.
- D. Reasons for recommendation:

Signature of middle school principal

I agree/disagree (*circle one*) with the committee's recommendation.

Signature of director of secondary education