

LEWISTON-PORTER ATHLETICS

A.P.P. PROCESS INFORMATION



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Parents/Guardians Please Read

This Process is for 7th & 8th Grade Students Only

The **Advanced Placement Process**(APP) is meant for a select group of student-athletes only. In reviewing the following paperwork, please keep in mind that this process is not intended for students who just participate in WNY travel and/or recreational teams. The intent of this process is for those select few students that have always quote, “Dominated” at their level. It is for student-athletes that are drastically more mature physically, skill-set, and mentally to warrant participating at the High School Varsity or Junior Varsity level.

The Lewiston-Porter Athletic Department advises you as the parent/guardian to advocate for your child to go through this process if your child falls under the above criteria. If the following situations listed below are the cause for your child to attempt this process, we advise that you continue on in the age-appropriate level of Modified Sports.

The Wrong Reasons:

- Their friends play on the higher-level team
- They need more players at that level
- They have always been on travel teams
- We are good friends with the coach
- They are physically gifted but their maturity levels are low
- I the parent/guardian, played up when I was in school
- My child needs to be pushed to be successful

How the A.P.P. Process has changed as of 7/29/2026:

- NYSED has eliminated the need for a Physical Fitness Test to be performed & passed by a student wanting to “Play-Up” as the only form of metric for being allowed to try-out for a Varsity or Junior Varsity level sport. **Note:** The metrics used in your child’s evaluation/try-out will be the same metrics used for all the students of that team regardless of their grade level and age.
- NYSED has eliminated the need for your child’s primary care agent to give your child a “Tanner Evaluation, Score & Approval” that matches/exceeds the NYSPHSAA’s Tanner scoring chart as a prerequisite to trying out for a Varsity or Junior Varsity level sport.
- NYSED has eliminated the “Parent Recommendation” for a child to “Play-Up”.
 - Lewiston-Porter parent/gaurdians must now complete the (A.P.P. Invitation Request) to the schools Athletic Director in order to initiate the A.P.P. process.

Lewiston-Porter's Updated A.P.P. Process:

Objective of this process –

A student-athlete's greatest opportunity for success depends on the active involvement and shared commitment of three key partners: the parent/guardian, the primary healthcare provider, and Lewiston-Porter CSD. It is essential that each of these stakeholders fulfills their responsibilities and that all required information is accurately documented and maintained. We must prioritize every student-athlete's health, safety, and well-being while supporting their pursuit of higher-level athletic opportunities. The following six steps are required to ensure this shared commitment and understanding are successfully achieved.

Step #1 –

The Parent/Guardian should complete the “**A.P.P. Invitation Request**” form because they believe their child qualifies as a student-athlete that has the skill-set, physicality, and maturity to compete at the High School Varsity or Junior Varsity level as a 7th or 8th grader.

Step #2 –

If the Athletic Director has accepted your request, and has invited you to begin the A.P.P. process, you will receive an email from the Lew-Port Athletics Department with documentation that needs to be completed prior to your child attempting to try-out for a Varsity or Junior Varsity level sport.

Step #3 –

In the email from the Athletics Department, you will see an attached document titled, “**Primary Care Acknowledgment.**” This form needs to be presented to your child’s primary care agent for completion. Once the agent has fully completed the form, please scan/email or hand deliver it to the Athletics Department which is located at the High School.

Please Note: The purpose of this document is only intended to ensure that your child’s primary care agent is aware of the intentions of your child wanting to try-out and play at a higher age & level of competition. Your child’s primary care provider **is not** “Accepting” or “Denying” the opportunity in this form.

Step #4 –

In the email from the Athletics Department, you will see an attached document titled, “**Parent Permission, Student Acknowledgment, & Understanding.**” This form needs to be fully completed by the parent/guardian & student wanting to participate/try-out at the Varsity or Junior Varsity level as a 7th or 8th grade student. Please scan/email or hand deliver it to the Athletics Department which is located at the High School.

Step #5 –

Once Steps #3 & #4 documentation are received and accepted by the Athletic Director, your child is ready to register through the Arbiter registration platform for the Varsity or Junior Varsity sport they are wanting to try-out for. Once you have completed that registration, the Middle School nurse will evaluate the registration for a current (non-expired) physical on file, or any past medical issues that are still unresolved. If all information is current and accepted by the middle school nurse, they will “Approve” your child for participation. You will receive an email from the Arbiter platform indicating your child’s status.

Once you receive an email from Arbiter marked: Approved

You are now ready to try-out for the Varsity or Junior Varsity sport.

Please check the Lewiston-Porter Athletics webpage for sport specific information.

Step #6 –

If your child completes the try-out sessions successfully and is offered a position on the team, the Lewiston-Porter Varsity/JV head coach will write a letter of recommendation stating the specific metrics & reasons why they have evaluated your child’s ability and maturity as acceptable to participate at that level. This recommendation will be given to the Athletic Director and added to your child’s A.P.P. file. The A.P.P. process is now complete.