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ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS- PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There is a New York State Education Department (NYSED) program that permits physically and emotionally appropriate students to try out for an athletic team that is outside of their grade placement. It is called the Athletic Placement Process (APP).
Your child (name): _____ may be eligible to participate in the sport
of _____ outside of his or her normal grade level. In order to establish the appropriate eligibility, we must have your permission to begin the APP.

This evaluation is a comprehensive evaluation of your child's emotional and physical maturity (including height and weight); as well as athletic abilities, physical fitness, and sport-specific athletic skill in relationship to other student athletes at that level.

Physical maturity is determined by your personal physician during a physical exam, using the Tanner Scale, which can be done during a routine athletic physical. The district does accept Tanner ratings from private medical providers. Upon passing the medical clearance, the student may proceed to the physical fitness and skill assessments. Students must pass all levels in order to meet the requirements of the APP.

If your child successfully meets the requirements of the APP, he/she will be allowed to try out for competitive high school athletics during 7th and/or 8th grade(s), or compete at the modified level if in grades 9-12. Under normal circumstances, a student is eligible for senior high school athletic competition in a sport for only four consecutive seasons, beginning with the student's entry into the ninth grade. However, by meeting the Athletic Placement Process requirements established by NYSED, your child's eligibility can be extended to permit:

a) participation during five consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into the
eighth grade; or
b) participation during six consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into the
seventh grade.

It is important for you and your child to understand that, once the requirements are met and if he/she is accepted as a member of the team, he/she cannot return to a lower-level team (modified) in that sport in that season. Remember, at the higher level of play your child will be exposed to the social atmosphere that is common among older students in a high school environment. Therefore, it is important to take into account your child's ability to handle the additional demands.
Please feel free to contact me regarding this program or to discuss any aspect of your child's
athletic placement. If you agree to allow your child's participation in this program, please sign and return the parental permission form to my office.

Sincerely,

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PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I have read the attached letter and I understand the purpose and eligibility implications of the Athletic Placement Process.

My son/daughter (name): _____has my permission to undergo the evaluation process and to participate in this program. I understand that the Tanner Scale is a determination of physical maturity and may be done by my personal physician. Upon passing the medical clearance, he/she may proceed to the physical fitness and skill assessments. I understand that passing the evaluation process does not guarantee my child a position on a team, but only permits them to try out.

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