

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES PETITION TO HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

It is the intent of West Central to have 7th and 8th graders participating at their own grade level but in some instances there may be an individual who has developed his/her skills to a level at which he/she could compete at a high school level.

In order for a 7th or 8th grade student to compete at the high school level, the student and/or parent must petition a review committee consisting of the activities director, the head coach of the sport, the middle school principal, the high school principal, and the middle school counselor or dean of students. The final vote must be unanimous between all parties.

The student can petition in any sanctioned sport. Students who petition are not allowed to compete at the 9th grade level. They must petition to compete at the junior varsity level or higher. Students who petition up will be subject to the same rules and regulations as all other members of the high school team.

Petitions should be returned to the office of the activities director. Petitions are due before the first allowable game for that season. However, coaches have the ability to request petitions sooner and throughout the season. Once submitted, the activities director will request a meeting of the review committee to determine whether to approve or deny the request.

If the petition is denied, the student may petition again the following year. If it appears that the situation is not working out, the committee may reconvene to reconsider a decision at any time.

Policy:

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