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Re: Central Square Athletic Placement Process

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

The Central Square Athletic department would like to update and explain the Athletic Placement Process (APP) moving forward. Beginning in the fall of 2023, 7th grade students that participate in a contact sport where there is an option for modified participation or sports that pose inherent safety risk, will not be allowed to test up to the high school level using the APP process. 8th grade students will still be allowed to complete the APP process and if successful, try-out for both JV and Varsity athletic teams.

Central Square, like many surrounding districts, believe that 7th grade students should complete a year of modified participation which not only allows students to participate with their peers but also allows for social and emotional growth within interscholastic athletics. We believe the increased use of social media, group chats and the wide range of age and maturity levels of athletes between 7th grade and up to 12th grade can pose safety risks that far outweigh the benefits of one additional year of high school competition.

In the case of individual, non-contact sports(rifle, golf, tennis etc...) where there is no modified option, the Athletic Department will consider 7th grade student athlete participation. In addition to the completion of the APP process, athletes will be provided academic and behavioral guidelines as well as attending a meeting to include the athlete, parent/guardian and coach. If at any time those academic and or behavioral guidelines are not being met, the athlete can be removed from participation from the activity.

Please contact the athletic office with any questions or concerns.

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