



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 his 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 students at that level. Physical maturity is determined by the district medical director during a medical exam, using the Tanner Scale. The Tanner Scale requires the inspection of the entire body, including the genitals. The district does accept Tanner ratings from private medical providers. Upon passing 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 will be allowed to try out for competitive high school athletics during 7th and/or 8th grade. 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 the 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
- 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 is accepted as a member of the team, he 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 the program, please sign and return the parental permission form to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathon Matt".

Jonathon Matt '02
Athletic Director
McQuaid Jesuit



PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSON

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

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

My son (name): _____ has my permission to undergo the evaluation process and to participate in this program. I understand that the determination of physical maturity is a private examination involving inspection of genitals, and will be done by a licensed health professional. Upon passing the medical clearance, he will then proceed to the physical fitness and skill assessments. I understand that passing the evaluation process does not guarantee my child a position on the team, but only permits them to try out.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date