

Middle School Student Eligibility for High School Athletics Policy

Beginning with the spring sports season of the 2009-2010 school year, 8th grade students will be allowed to tryout for high school athletic teams in those sports permitted under the regulations of the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL); this policy change will remain in effect for future years or until changed by the District Administration or School Board.

7th grade students will only be allowed to tryout for high school sports under the regulations of the SCHSL and only in those sports that are not offered at the middle school level.

High school tryouts will be conducted prior to middle school tryouts and will last no longer than four (4) days; middle school students who have been unsuccessful in being accepted to either the Varsity or Junior Varsity programs of the high school will have a minimum of four (4) days of tryout time at the middle school before the middle school makes its selection of team members.

High schools will be responsible for meeting with middle school students and their parents to review high school athletic policies and procedures and specifically speak to the issues of socializing with older students, the potential for lost class time to attend away games, the potential for late returns from away games and the potential for involvement in overnight trips. High schools will also make clear the academic policies of the district regarding students involved with athletics and other extra-curricular activities.

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