

PLAY UP POLICY DISCUSSION (cont)

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE (no Asst. AD)

-Coaches make the decision about 7/8 playing up and the athlete must see “significant” varsity minutes. Coaches annually evaluated on these play up decisions.

-two 8th graders played-up in basketball in 15-16. They have none in 16-17

SAVHS Policy

X. Participation of Middle School Athletes on H. S. Teams

Use of 7th and 8th grade athletes to compete on C / JV / varsity teams, within a 9-12 program, is discouraged whenever possible. However, if a coach at the varsity level feels that there is an athlete in a 7th or 8th grade program who could participate on his/her team, each case shall be handled individually. From time to time due to low or reduced program participation numbers, the high school program may need to promote 7th or 8th grade athletes to high school teams. However, when program numbers are robust, or when cuts are made, promotions should only be made in extraordinary circumstances or when the middle school athlete is deemed to have the potential to start on a varsity team. Individual decisions are the responsibility of each head coach and her/his staff, to be reviewed on an annual basis by the activities director.

ROSEVILLE (w/ Asst. AD)

-utilize the “exceptional athlete” model for MS students. Athlete must play at varsity level at least half-time. 8th graders do not play up at 9th grade levels.

-less than 12 MS students “playing up” in 16-17

MOUNDS VIEW (no Asst. AD)

7TH and 8th graders can play at any level in any sport as long as no one in grades 9-12 have been cut. Coaches discretion as to what level they play.

-they have roughly 25 students/year play up.

WHITE BEAR LAKE (no Asst. AD)

-AD at White Bear Lake said they were similar to Mounds View.

SPRING LAKE PARK (no Asst. AD)

-Allows 7th and 8th graders allowed in any sport where numbers are low.

-Also, 7th and 8th graders allowed to try out at HS level when there is no comparable MS offering. Level of play is based on ability and at the discretion of coaching staff.

EDINA (w/Asst. AD)

-Just re-did their policy:

EXCEPTIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Middle school athletes that are interested in trying out for a high school varsity team as an exceptional athlete need to follow the following procedures:

- 1) Contact the coach to express interest in trying out.
- 2) Obtain the Exceptional Middle School Student Athlete Form from the Edina High School athletic office. Complete and return the form by the first Monday of the registration period.
- 3) The Athletic Director will review the form with parents, coaches and middle school Principals. After this review the Athletic Director will determine if the student is allowed to try out for the varsity team.
- 4) If approved, the athlete must complete a manual registration form and pay the registration fees by check. Registration must be completed during the normal registration period.
- 5) If an athlete does not make the varsity team, the check will be voided.