



Jamesville-DeWitt

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

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's (name):*** _____ may be eligible to participate in the ***sport of*** _____ outside of his or her 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 with athletic abilities, physical fitness, and sport-specific athletic skill in relation to other student athletes at that level.

It is important for you and your child to understand that, once the requirements are met and if he/she is accepted as a member of the team, the student 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. ***NYS 2026: The amendment outlines and requires four readiness factors: a) personal and social responsibility, (b) sport-specific skill development, (c) knowledge of the game, and (d) physical fitness.***

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 this program, please sign and return the parental permission form to my office.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sincerely,

Mr. Frederick S. Wheeler

Director of PE, Health, Nurses & Athletics
Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District



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ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS COACH'S SPORT SKILL EVALUATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COACH:

Coach: _____ **Sport & Level:** _____ / _____

Student's Name: _____ **Gender** _____ **Age:** _____

The above-named student has requested evaluation through the Athletic Placement Process. As the coach of the team for which they want to try out, your complete assessment of the students skill level is an important factor in this process. Please complete and return this form as soon as possible to the Director of Physical Education and /or Athletic Director.

NOTE: The number of students who are allowed to compete outside of their grade levels should be few and far between. The program is intended only for the athlete who has the physical maturity, physical fitness, and sport skills to be placed with other athletes outside of his/her grade level. Abuses in the program by decision makers who seek to satisfy the needs of the team, rather than considering the well-being of the student cannot be condoned. There are many potential physical and social/emotional pitfalls that must be avoided, and once a student is elevated, the decision is irreversible. If you are familiar with the candidate, please write an evaluation of the student skill level on the back of this sheet. Supporting information would be helpful in determining proper placement, so be specific.

If you are not familiar with the candidate, you may wish to contact his/her former coaches for further assessment and/or schedule time to observe the student in a physical education class. *New Amendment*

Requirements 2026 **

COACHES: Reminder (4) readiness factors: 2026: Personal and Social Responsibility, Sports-Specific Skills Development, Knowledge of the game and Physical Fitness.

- **Which level team is the student trying out for?** Junior Varsity Varsity
- **Which level of play would you recommend for this student?**
Modified Freshman Junior Varsity Varsity
- **Compare this student's skills relative to other members of the team that the student is trying out for.**
Below Average Average Above Average Superior
- **What percentage of playing time would you estimate he/she would receive at that level?** _____ %

Coach Signature: _____ ***Athletic Director Signature:*** _____