JORDAN-ELBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 may be eligible to participate in a sport outside of his or her normal grade level. In order to establish the appropriate eligibility, we must have your permission to begin the APP.

Due to recent State Education Department regulations, there is no longer a physical fitness test or physical. School administration will the athlete's overall athleticism (based on coach recommendation and PE teacher input) and determine social and academic readiness for the demands of HS sports.

If your is child successfully approved by the district and school administration, he/she will be allowed to try out for competitive high school athletics during 7th or 8th grade, or compete at the modified level if in grades 9-12. 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 NYSED, your child's eligibility can be extended to permit participation during five or consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into the seventh/eighth grade

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

Permission form is on the back of this document.

Sincerely,

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PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

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

My son/daughter (name): _____ has my permission to undergo the evaluation process and to participate in this program. I understand that passing the evaluation process does not guarantee my child a position on a team, but only permits them to try out.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date