

**SOUTH GLENS FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS PERMISSION FORM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There is a NYSED program that permits physically and emotionally appropriate students to tryout 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (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.

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 student athletes at that level.

Physical maturity is determined by the district medical director during a physical exam, using the Tanner Scale. The Tanner Scale requires the inspection of the entire body, including the breasts and genitals. The district does accept Tanner ratings from private medical providers as well. The district does accept a history of menarche for girls in place of a physical examination. Upon passing the 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 can successfully meet the requirements of the APP, he/she may be allowed an opportunity to tryout (if try outs for the above sport are offered) for the sport indicated above and participate in an extended athletic career. Under normal circumstances a student is only eligible for senior high school athletic competition in a sport for four consecutive season commencing with the student's entry into ninth grade. However, by meeting the APP requirements established by the New York State Education Department, 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; or
- 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 he/she is accepted as a member of the team, he/she cannot return to a lower level team (modified) in that sport. Remember, at the higher level of play your child will be exposed to the social atmosphere that is common among older students. 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.

Regards,

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Director of Athletics

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PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I understand the purpose and eligibility implications of the Advanced Placement Process program. My son/daughter (name) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the APP.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_