

GOUVERNEUR ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS

1. Athletic Director Invitation

Students in grades 7 or 8 may begin the Athletic Placement Process only by formal invitation of the athletic director. Recommendations can be made by a coach for the athletic director to consider a student. However, a request or recommendation does not replace the required formal invitation.

2. Parent/Guardian Informed Consent

The athletic office will provide the family with all relevant Athletic Placement Process information and consent forms. A signed consent form must be returned before the evaluation process can begin.

3. Annual Health Examination

Student-athletes must provide proof of an annual health examination that authorizes athletic participation, and an Interval Health History when required.

4. Tryout Evaluation

Eligible student-athletes may participate in the tryout process for the requested high school sport. APP students are evaluated using the same team-selection criteria as every other student trying out for that team. Selection to the team is based on the coach's evaluation and is **not guaranteed** by completion of the APP. The tryout will determine if the student-athlete demonstrates appropriate:

- a. personal and social responsibility;
- b. sport-specific skill development;
- c. knowledge of the game;
- d. physical fitness.

5. Final Determination

The final determination will be made by the coach and athletic director based on the completion of all APP requirements and the coach's evaluation. The athletic director reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the student-athletes participation in high school athletics.