



Effective August 1, 2010

Declaration for Athletic Participation and Letter of Intent to Apply for School Choice

This document is for students who plan to participate in senior high athletics as 9th graders. It describes a Minnesota State High School League rule that applies to any 9th grade student who wishes to participate in athletics at an ISD 279 senior high school that is different from the senior high school assigned to his or her residence. The attached form needs to be completed only once and submitted to the high school activities office prior to the first season in which the athlete will compete as a 9th grader. This form will be available after January 1st in each of the senior high activities offices, at the District 279 Enrollment Center, and on each of the high school Web sites under "Activities."

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) allows 9th grade students to compete in senior high school athletics. Ninth-graders who plan to open enroll into an ISD 279 senior high school other than the one assigned to their residence and who wish to participate in 9th grade athletics at their senior high school of choice must "declare" their intent to continue to be enrolled at that senior high for grades 10-12. **Important: While 9th graders may participate in their senior high school of choice, all 7th and 8th grade students must participate in programs at the senior high school assigned to their residence.**

By signing the "Declaration for Athletic Participation and Letter of Intent to Apply for School Choice" form, students and their parents and/or guardians are declaring the student's:

1. senior high school of participation for 9th grade athletics, and
2. intent to use school choice to enroll in that same senior high for grades 10-12.

Students who declare their senior high school of choice for 9th grade athletics agree that their eligibility is tied to that respective high school. Once a student and his or her parent/guardian sign the "Declaration for Athletic Participation and Letter of Intent to Apply for School Choice" form for 9th grade and the 9th grade season/year commences, any change of school will be viewed as a transfer that is subject to the provisions of MSHSL Bylaw 111 – Transfer and Residence. This change may result in temporary ineligibility for varsity level competition, even if the student decides to return to the senior high school assigned to his or her residence.

After reading this information, please complete and return the attached form to the activities office in your student's ISD 279 senior high school of choice according to the timelines indicated below. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the activities office at any of the three senior high schools.

<u>To participate in</u>	<u>Return completed form by</u>
Fall Athletics	August 1
Winter Athletics	November 1
Spring Athletics	March 1

ATTACHMENT



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I, _____, declare my intent to apply for school choice at (circle one):
(Student name – please print)

Circle one:

MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH

OSSEO SENIOR HIGH

PARK CENTER SENIOR HIGH

I understand that, beginning in 9th grade, I will compete in athletics at the above-named school. I/we understand that once the 9th grade season/school year commences, any change of school will be viewed as a transfer that is subject to the provisions of MSHSL Bylaw 111–Transfer and Residence, which may result in temporary ineligibility for varsity level competition.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian & Student Address: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____ Student's Birth Date: _____
Month / Day / Year

Senior High School of Residence: _____

Senior High School of Choice: _____
(as declared above)

Junior High Attended for 8 th Grade:	<u>circle one</u>	Brooklyn Jr.	Maple Grove Jr.	North View Jr	Osseo Jr.
Junior High Assigned for 9 th Grade:	<u>circle one</u>	Brooklyn Jr.	Maple Grove Jr.	North View Jr	Osseo Jr.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Student: _____
 (Signature) (Signature)

For Office Use Only	
Once completed, file form in the DLTJ Principal on Special Assignment's office.	
School of Choice Activities Coordinator: _____	Today's Date: _____
<i>(Signature)</i>	
School of Residence Activities Coordinator: _____	Today's Date: _____
<i>(Signature)</i>	