



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 9<sup>th</sup> graders. It describes a Minnesota State High School League rule that applies to any 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grader. This form will be available after January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> graders may participate in their senior high school of choice, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade and the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE OF THE SPECIFIC SPORT**. Not all sports seasons start on the same day, so be sure to check the website at <http://www.district279.org/Welcome/> Activities for exact start dates. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the activities office at any of the three senior high schools.

Maple Grove Activities Office	763/391-8730
Osseo Activities Office	763/391-8600
Park Center Activities Office	763/569-7654



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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 9<sup>th</sup> grade, I will compete in athletics at the above-named school. I/we understand that once the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	<u>circle one</u>	Brooklyn Jr.	Maple Grove Jr.	North View Jr.	Osseo Jr.
Junior High Assigned for 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 DLT Principal on Special Assignment's office.

School of Choice Activities Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

School of Residence Activities Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)