

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES PETITION TO HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

It is the intent of West Central to have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participating at their own grade level but in some instances there may be an individual who has developed his/her skills to a level at which he/she could compete at a high school level.

In order for a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to compete at the high school level, the student and/or parent must petition a review committee consisting of the activities director, the head coach of the sport, the middle school principal, the high school principal, and the middle school counselor/dean of students. If the petition is approved by a majority vote but is not unanimous, the parents will be contacted and told of the reasons why it was not unanimous and the parents will make the final decision. A majority vote of disapproval is final.

The student can petition in boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, soccer, and football. All other sports at West Central are 7-12 grade programs. Students who petition are not allowed to compete at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level. They must petition to compete at the junior varsity level or higher. The petition must be submitted before the date of the first allowable game for that season. Students who petition up will be subject to the same rules and regulations as all other members of the high school team.

Petitions are available from the office of the activities director and should be returned to that office. At such time the activities director will call a meeting of the review committee to determine whether to approve or deny the request.

If it appears that the situation is not working out, the committee may reconvene to reconsider a decision at any time.

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