

SELECTION/ CLASSIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Question:** Who may initiate the Selection/Classification Process?

Answer: Students, teachers, coaches or parents may request that the director of physical education/athletics process a student through the screening procedure. Students should not be exposed to the screening without a specific request.

2. **Question:** If a seventh (7th) or eighth (8th) grade student has reached the chronological age for senior high school, is he/she required to go through the Selection/Classification Process?

Answer: If a student in grade seven (7th) or grade eight (8th) is fifteen (15) years old prior to September 1, they are eligible to participate on high school teams without going through the Selective/Classification screening procedure. Only medical approval is required. The reason that these students are eligible for high school teams is because they are already at an advanced age and will lose some of their four years of high school eligibility due to over age if not allowed eligibility.

3. **Question:** Does the Selection/Classification provision allow a senior high student to participate on the modified program?

Answer: Yes, provided they are screened and their maturity and athletic performance standards match those of the students on modified programs.

4. **Question:** If a student qualifies for participation on a fall sport, can this approval be used to qualify for a winter sport?

Answer: Yes, provided the requirement for maturity and athletic performance standards for the winter sports do not exceed those of the fall sport.

5. **Question:** If a student qualifies for participation in the seventh (7th) grade, must he repeat the process in the eighth (8th) grade?

Answer: No, the process need not be repeated so long as they remain at the same level in the same sport. If they change sports or levels, the screening procedure must be repeated.

6. **Question:** If a student fails to meet one of the athletic performance items of the Selection/Classification Program, is he/she automatically eliminated from participation?

Answer: Yes. However, the student may be re-tested as many times as is appropriate for a specific item or items. If there is a sound basis for a special approval, it can be requested from the State Education Department. (See Attachment B*)

7. **Question:** Are there any provisions made for handicapped students who are unable to take or pass a component in the athletic performance test?

Answer: Not within the normal procedures of the program. However, special approvals can be requested of the State Education Department if it can be demonstrated that the student's safety is not being compromised.

8. **Question:** Is it intended that this program be applied to all students or in only very special cases?

Answer: Only students of unusually advanced or delayed fitness, maturity and skill should be considered for advanced placement through this program.

* For attachments, please refer to your [Selective Classification Guide](#) (March2005)