

### **Seventh and Eighth Grade Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Acceleration**

When athletic programming is offered, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should participate at the middle school level of competition. As a basic belief of athletic participation in the Bismarck Public Schools, student athletes should compete for the school they currently attend when programming is available. When a program is not available at the middle school, students should seek out opportunities to participate in community-based programs to meet their needs. For a variety of reasons, including displacement and safety, acceleration to the high school level does not occur in the following sports:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Cheerleading
- Dance

In instances when no program is available at the middle school level and/or program numbers at the high school level are inadequate, acceleration to the high school level occurs in the following sports:

- Swimming & Diving
- Girls' Golf
- Tennis
- Softball
- Gymnastics

Limited acceleration may be allowed to the high school level due to the individualized nature of the following sports:

- Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Boys' Golf

**NOTE:** In those sports where limited acceleration is possible, the head coach must seek approval from the building activities director prior to contacting middle school parents/guardians regarding acceleration. Parents of middle school students may not initiate the process or petition the district activities department to elevate their child to the high school level.

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The BPS District Activities Director and building activities directors will review this administrative rule on an annual basis.

The final approval for decisions regarding limited acceleration will rest with the BPS District Activities Director.

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End of Bismarck Public School District Administrative Rule FFE-AR4

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