



**Blake Athletics  
Request to Participate  
on a Varsity Team**



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_

**The Blake School Athletics Policy states that** Middle School students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only) may petition to try out and participate on a Varsity team. Prior to the first date of practice, the athlete must submit this petition form to the Athletic Office for review by the Athletic Director and Middle School Director.

This form represents the student’s request to try out and perhaps participate on a Varsity team. Submitting this form is not a guarantee that permission will be granted. The student’s academic standing and social and emotional maturity will be weighed in determining whether he/she can effectively manage the rigors of Varsity level interscholastic athletics.

Students wishing to try out must be at a level of play that is consistent with Varsity competition. Students that are at a Varsity level will be placed accordingly. The expectation for a student who does not make Varsity would be to play at the MS level. Exceptions may be granted where circumstances at the Upper School level necessitate that an individual player be elevated to play on a sub-varsity team or if no Middle School team is available.

To avoid having middle school athletes leaving class early to catch a bus at the upper school, we also ask parents to pick up their child at the end of the middle school academic day and drive directly to the contest site where they will meet the team. This policy should be practiced whenever game times allow. Standard dismissal time for middle school athletes will allow for arrival at the away site 30 minutes prior to game time. Middle School teachers and coaches will be given the dismissal times for reference.

While this petition applies to all three athletic seasons, continuing participation on any athletic team, at either the Middle or Upper School level, is dependent upon a student’s ability to maintain all academic and social expectations set by the school. Middle School administration reserves the right to suspend participation should academic performance or social behavior falter.

By signing this form, parents indicate that they understand that their child’s participation is a choice, and that academic concessions will not be made due to time constraints created by their child’s athletic commitment.

*Athlete Statement:*

*“I wish to apply for permission to try out for a Varsity team. I understand that I must adhere to all school and MSHSL policies and meet all academic and athletic obligations. In addition to completing this petition, I understand that I must also complete the MSHSL eligibility form and have a current physical exam on file in the athletic office.”*

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_