



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Wantagh Athletic Department*

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Dear Parents,

The Wantagh School District believes that exceptional students in grades 7 and 8 should have the opportunity to try out for JV and/or Varsity teams and have included this option in the district policy. However, if this policy was not in place, by law, 7th and 8th grade students would not be allowed to try out for any higher-level athletic teams. Also, even with the district policy in place, Wantagh UFSD must adhere to the APP NYS standards in order to classify students as exceptional athletes for tryouts, which does not guarantee a place on the team.

Steps to become classified under the APP:

1. The varsity coach **only** will recommend an exceptional MS athlete.
2. The parents/guardians sign the parental permission form and return it to the athletic office.
3. The athlete is evaluated by the school medical physician or family's private medical provider to see if they are physically ready by using the athlete's tanner score, height, and weight.
4. The athlete takes the fitness test (needs to pass 4 of 5 elements).
5. If the athlete passes both the physical development test and the fitness test, they are eligible to try out.

The complete APP process can be found here [Athletic Placement Process](#)

You can find more information regarding the APP process on the [Wantagh Athletics Webpage](#). Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the games.

Go Warriors!

