

**NINTH GRADE PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
REGULATION**

1. First priority for ninth grade students is their obligation to the junior high organization.
2. Ninth grade students, or parents, may elect not to participate in high school athletic activities.
3. Coaches should establish a need within their 10-11-12 grade group before ninth graders are given the opportunity to participate.
4. High school and freshmen should have a class explanation of the need and role of each group before a combination is made. This explanation is the responsibility of the coach.
5. All ninth grade students will be given equal opportunities to join the high school athletic organization and participate.
6. Freshmen may be used ahead of upperclassmen.
7. In win/lose situations, the best available talent will be used.
8. Freshmen must meet high school eligibility requirements to participate.
9. Coaches are not obligated to use the ninth grade in varsity competition.