

Exceptional Athlete Policy

Varsity tryouts will be conducted during spring break and a week or two after spring break. Varsity practice sessions will be held two times per day during the break and daily when school resumes. Varsity participation is based on performance in practice, scrimmages and games.

Student athletes that are in ninth grade or below must petition the athletic department at the high school as "Exceptional Athletes" in order to try out at the varsity level. These junior high students must make the varsity team and can play only Junior Varsity or Varsity, not at the sophomore level, unless they are a pitcher or catcher (special position needs). If the athlete does not make the varsity, they would still be able to participate at their junior high level.

The specific wording of the process for petitioning to participate as an "Exceptional Athlete" can be obtained from the high school athletic department. Basically, you must petition the athletic director (Ricky Michel) in writing stating your daughter's age, junior high grade and school and that she would like to try out for varsity softball. The athlete and a parent must attend an informational meeting (date determined by the A.D.) in the spring prior to the start of the first practice.

I do not conduct extra try-out sessions for athletes that miss practice because of spring break.

I do not know when the 8th or 9th grade program starts practice. You should contact the athletic office at your junior high school to get that information.

Sophomores, that are not trying out for varsity (they don't have to petition), will start practice on the Monday following spring break.