

# Concord School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Varsity Athletics Waiver Form

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It is understood that small schools, such as Concord, will need the assistance and participation of some 8<sup>th</sup> graders in order to fill out varsity teams. In order for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to compete at the varsity level they must meet the requirements listed on this form.

1. They must be in compliance with all of the rules and policies set forth in the Athletic Handbook (grades, attendance, etc)
2. They must have a signed note from their physician stating that they are physically able and ready to compete at this level.
3. Their parents must have the **8<sup>th</sup> grade varsity athletics waiver form** filled out and handed into the Athletic Director prior to the season starting.

There is a big difference between varsity athletics and middle school athletics. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade athlete will be competing against kids who are at the very end of their development stage. By signing this form you, the parent, understand that 8<sup>th</sup> graders playing at the varsity level have an increased risk of injury due to these physical differences.

Aside from the physical aspect of this, parents must understand that your child will be exposed to the social atmosphere that is inherent to older students and the high school environment. It must also be understood that association with older students on the field, in the locker room, and off the field is a necessary component of participating in varsity athletics.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this policy please do not hesitate to contact me. If you agree to allow your child to participate, please sign and return the permission slip to my office. Thank you.

Director of Athletics

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I understand the risks that varsity athletics carries and I agree to allow my child to participate.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Cut this bottom slip out and return to Athletic Director (802) 695-2550 EXT 125