

## WARNING TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, AND PERHAPS, FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.

By its very nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, and perhaps, FATAL ACCIDENTS may occur.

Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment which may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion, and numerous other exposures to risk of injury.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of injury. Just as driving an automobile involves choice of risk; athletic participation by high school students also may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students in making this choice to participate cannot be overstated. There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairments as a result of athletic competition.

By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, **the parent or guardian**, acknowledge that such risk exists.

By choosing to participate, you, **the student**, acknowledge that such risk exists.

Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic completion and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques.

As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution, and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury.

If any of the foregoing is not completely understood, please contact the school principal for further information.

Instruction: Sign and return to the school.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This will acknowledge that we have read and understand the material contained in the WARNING TO ATHLETES AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date