



8th Grade Participation in High School Sports at MOC-Floyd Valley CSD

On August 1, 2026, House File 2591 (HF2591) went into effect, allowing 8th grade students in Iowa to participate in high school athletics under certain circumstances. MOC-Floyd Valley High School is currently reviewing this legislation and working with guidance from the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) and the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) to develop a local policy that supports our student-athletes while maintaining the integrity of our athletic programs.

MOC-Floyd Valley High School will not implement a policy that denies 8th-grade participation at the high school level. We recognize that there may be situations where participation is appropriate and beneficial for the student-athlete. As a result, 8th grade participation at the high school level will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The process will be as follows:

1. Recommendation from varsity head coach
2. Administrative review and consideration of factors such as: athlete readiness, program needs, and overall student well-being
3. AD, head coach, student-athlete, and parent/guardian meeting
4. Administration approval

As the state continues to provide guidance, we encourage families to review the HF2591 Frequently Asked Questions document developed by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and the Iowa High School Athletic Association. This resource helps address many of the common questions regarding eligibility, participation, and implementation.

For more information, review this resource from the [IHSAA/IHSAU 8th Grade Policy](#)

Questions?

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