

The Grand Avenue Athletics program seeks to create a developmentally appropriate environment, in which athletes are encouraged to learn/hone their athletic skill in a low-risk environment before they enter high school.

**NOTE:**

Most of our teams are considered tryout-based with a few deemed as walk-on. However, all sports are to be considered ‘tryout-based’ until they are deemed otherwise. Both tryout and walk-on sports are eligible for sports awards.

**TRYOUT SPORTS:**

Tryout sports are highly competitive athletic endeavors. There is an evaluation process that takes place during a finite tryout window. This window affords our coaches the time to adequately measure the skill-set of prospective player. Tryout windows vary in duration based on the need of each respective team. It is the responsibility of the athlete to be present for the majority of a tryout window to best showcase their abilities.

**SELECTING A TEAM:**

Student athletes and their families should take their time and make an informed decision when selecting a sport. Prospective student athletes are expected to participate the entire evaluation process. Switching from one tryout sport to another either during or after the selection process is not permitted. However, student athletes not selected for a team may then participate in a sport deemed as a walk-on team.

## **WALK-ON SPORTS:**

Walk-on sports are usually less competitive from a team roster perspective and carry high rosters. Walk-on sports do not have a tryout window or evaluation process. They are usually volunteer-participation based and entrance to the team can be within a reasonable window of the start of the season. Typical walk-on sports include cross country, winter track and spring track. However, walk-on sports may become tryout sports if the number of candidates grows beyond typical instructional needs and spatial constraints.