



MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SIXTH GRADER PARTICIPATION



“LEA” DECISION

- ON THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 2016, THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGED THE POLICY REGARDING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS (HRS-D-001).
- THE NEW POLICY CHANGES THE GRADE LEVEL AT WHICH STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION FROM GRADES 7-12 TO GRADES 6-12. AS PART OF THIS CHANGE, 6TH GRADE STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOOTBALL.
- FOR CLARIFICATION, THE POLICY ALLOWS EACH LEA OR CHARTER SCHOOL TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT 6TH GRADERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOOTBALL.