

ALBURNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Home of the PIRATES

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Dear Alburnett CSD Families,

Many of you are aware that the state of Iowa recently enacted HF2591, which allows 8th grade students to participate in high school athletics.

We understand that this change will generate questions from parents, students, coaches, and fans. We are working to better understand this new law and how it will be implemented. At this time our administration is working on procedures that will align with the law itself and the best interests of our student-athletes and athletic programs.

We will likely not be implementing a blanket policy that will automatically place all 8th grade students up to the high school level but we realize that there may be situations where consideration is appropriate. All of those decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with input from the student-athlete's parents/guardians. The process will begin with recommendations from varsity head coaches followed by administrative review and of course, parental input. Factors to consider would include athlete readiness, program needs, and overall student well-being.

As the girls and boys state associations continue to provide us with guidance, we encourage families to review the HF2591 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document developed by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) and the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). [The document found here](#) should help to address some commonly asked questions.

Thanks for your patience as our team works with the school board on developing policy for this law change. Our goal is to provide clear expectations and make thoughtful decisions that support our student-athletes.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our Activities Director, Nick Wooldrik or Superintendent, John Zimmerman
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Thank you again for your support of Alburnett activities,
Go Pirates!

~John Zimmerman, Superintendent