

## FAQ's: **In-House vs 3rd grade travel**

### **Who can participate in the Chaska 3rd grade Travel program?**

- Any player that lives in the school boundaries that feed into Chaska High School: Clover Ridge, Carver, Jonathan and La Academia Elementary schools.

### **How many communities offer 3rd grade Travel programs?**

- 3rd Grade traveling is an option that has emerged over the past few years with growing amount of communities that offer it but less than some of the older grades

### **How does 3rd grade Travel programs compare to the older grades?**

- 3rd Grade poses different challenges than we see at the older grades, primarily that tournaments are usually posted at a single level (“A/B/C” levels all together for example while there may only be some tournaments having individual levels; “A”, “B”, etc), so there tends to be some games with significant disparity in skills. We continue to evolve our 3rd grade offerings to best fit with the current basketball environment. Our goal for our youngest players is to give them a season of highly competitive, enjoyable, 5 on 5 basketball in an environment focused on player development for ALL.

### **What can I expect during the 3rd grade travel program?**

- Traveling basketball is a more competitive program, with significantly more practice and game time, as well as the division into A, B, and C teams for tournament play (where available) with and against similarly matched competition. The number of teams is dependent on the number of participants. The tryout process will include evaluation on skills, but also teamwork, attitude and how well players follow directions.
- Travel teams may play over 30 competitive games in 8 weekend tournaments over the course of the season, and practices are 60-90 minutes long, usually 2 times per week.
- Traveling basketball is generally played with high school rules (with some defensive rule exceptions for younger grades). Traveling is generally the preferred choice for players who are committed to developing their basketball skills and competing at a higher level and have basketball as their preferred winter sport. Players whose goal is to play High School Basketball are strongly encouraged to participate in the Traveling program. 3rd grade travel runs from MEA (October) through the end of February.

### **What does the In-House/Rec league focus on?**

- The focus is on developing skills with drills on dribbling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. Practice times are one hour per week and one game is played on Saturday's. No tryout is needed. We also try to honor one friend request. 3rd grade runs from January through the beginning of March.