

The Board shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), Florida Statutes, and this policy when making a determination on eligibility for a transfer student to participate in interscholastic athletics.

The Principal shall be responsible for enforcing this policy in his/her school. The Principal shall review and determine whether a student qualifies for transfer eligibility under one of the categories below and meeting all other eligibility requirements. Upon transfer eligibility approval, the required FHSAA form(s) shall be submitted to the FHSAA prior to the student participating in any sport's season.

Pursuant to the bylaws of FHSAA, a transfer is said to occur when a student makes a change in schools after the student establishes residency at a school each year. Student athletes who transfer are allowed to immediately participate in interscholastic athletics as long as they are enrolled prior to the start of a specific sport's season. Student-athletes who participated in a sports at their previous school, during the same school year, may not participate in the same sport unless they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Dependent children of active military duty personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
2. Children who have been relocated due to foster care placement in a different school zone.
3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
4. Authorized good cause established below in the policy
 - a. The student has moved to a new residence with the parent with whom he/she has been living previously that is in a different school zone. This section also applies to a student who transfers when he/she has to move into the residence of another person, making it necessary for the student to attend a different school because one of the persons with whom the student has been living is imprisoned or committed by court order to a facility.
 - b. The student moved to a new residence due to marriage.
 - c. The student would suffer an undue hardship if declared ineligible to participate. For this section, demonstrated hardship shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. Financial hardship

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- ii. Transportation hardship
 - iii. Family hardship
 - iv. Academic hardship, including but not limited to, a situation where a student is not succeeding in an academic environment.
- d. Superintendent deems the student's unique circumstances to satisfy/qualify good cause.

The Board recognizes that the recruitment of student-athletes is prohibited by Florida Statute and that the bylaws of the FHSAA have prescribed penalties, sanctions, and an appeals process for athletic recruiting violations.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:

Handbook and Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association, 1002.20, 1006.15, 1006.20 F.S.

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