

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS
POLICY MANUAL
STUDENTS
CHAPTER 5.0

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ATHLETICS

I. The School Board recognizes the value of interscholastic athletics and the positive impact sports have on students. The Board shall comply with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc. (FHSAA), Florida law, and this policy when determining the eligibility of a transfer student to participate in FSUS Leon's interscholastic athletic program.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) ¶
<http://www.fshaa.org> ¶

II. FSUS Leon shall be a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc. (FHSAA) and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by the FHSAA. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by the FHSAA and the School Board.

III. Such eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, those relating to amateurism, use of marks, and Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreements. The School Board may adopt more stringent rules of eligibility to be met by all students participating in interscholastic activities.

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IV. No student shall engage in practice or participate in any interscholastic game without the written permission of the student's parent(s) and a current physical examination as required by Florida High School Athletic Association being on file.

V. Participation by Transfer Students

A. Pursuant to the bylaws of the FHSAA, a "transfer" occurs when a student makes any change in schools after s/he establishes residency at a school each year. A

student who transfers from one school to another will be eligible at the new school provided the student qualifies under one of transfer eligibility categories set forth in the FHSAA's bylaws and meets all other eligibility requirements. A transfer student who has not participated in school-sponsored activities on or after the official start date of that sport season may seek to immediately join a team, provided the roster has not reached the identified maximum size and the coach determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability to participate.

B. However, a student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
2. 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.
3. Authorized for good cause.

C. For purposes of this policy, "authorized for good cause" means the student is able to satisfactorily demonstrate to the Principal that one (1) of the following applies:

1. Student is transferred to Florida High as a student through the admissions process (see FSUS School Board Policy 5.10).
2. Student is a non-traditional student as defined by FSUS School Board Policy 4.71.
3. ~~3. Undue hardship – All other extenuating circumstances that may not fit the above-stated criteria.~~

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D. The Director of each school in the District shall be responsible for enforcing the FHSAA's bylaws and policies in his/her school. The Director shall review and determine whether a transfer student qualifies under one of the transfer eligibility categories set forth in the FHSAA's bylaws and meets all other eligibility requirements. Upon approval of the transfer student's eligibility, a Notice of Transfer form prescribed by the FHSAA shall be submitted to the FHSAA prior to the student participating in any sport season.

E. The Athletic Director must annually submit all eligibility reports electronically and sign all eligibility correspondence. The Athletic Director shall certify that the information provided to the FHSAA is accurate and that the students named in the report are eligible to participate in accordance with the FHSAA's bylaws.

E. Eligibility Appeals - If the Director determines that a transfer student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student may submit an appeal in accordance with Florida law and the FHSAA's bylaws.

VI. Pursuant to Florida Statutes licensed medical personnel who act as volunteers for school events and agree to render emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability for treatment of a participant in any school-sponsored athletic event, provided such treatment was rendered in accordance with acceptable standards of practice and was not objected to by the participant.

VII. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) will be available for use, if needed, at every preseason and regular season interscholastic contest and at every FHSAA state championship series contest. Staff will be trained to use such equipment.

VIII. All students shall be subject to all School Board rules and to the *Code of Student Conduct* while attending athletic events and practices.

IX. In order for a student to be eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular student activities, he/she must meet all of the requirements established by the

Florida High School Athletic Association consistent with Florida Statutes and maintain satisfactory conduct, as defined by the *FSUS Code of Student Conduct*. If a student is convicted of an on- or off-campus felony or a delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities will be suspended for the balance of the school year.

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X. A report of an alleged violation of this standard of conduct shall be submitted to the principal or his/her designee for investigation. If the principal or his/her designee determines that a violation has occurred, the student and his/her parent shall be notified in writing, of the suspension from school sponsored extracurricular activities.

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