TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSIONS GUIDE



Required Documents

- Application
- Birth Certificate
- Student Questionnaire
- Current School Year Transcript
- Previous School Year(s) Transcript(s)
- Teacher Recommendation
  One required. Must be completed by a current academic teacher
- Discipline Report(s)
- IEP/SAP/504 accommodation plan, if applicable
- Most recent psychoeducational testing, if applicable

Admissions Decisions

Admissions decisions are released on a rolling basis, beginning in late March. Prospective students are encouraged to submit their applications early.

Reclass Policy

We do not accept students who wish to reclass or have reclassed in high school.

Senior Transfer Applicants

We accept senior transfers on a case-by-case basis. Transcripts from 9th, 10th, and 11th grade are required. Applicants must also interview with members of the Admissions Committee.

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Families must complete the following checklist items in the admissions portal.

- Submit the Student Questionnaire.
- Submit a Records Request to the registrar at your school.
- Submit a Teacher Recommendation request.
- Upload a copy of the applicant's birth certificate.
- Upload a copy of the applicant's accommodation plan and psychoeducational testing, if applicable.

Knight for a Day

Shadow visits will run January through April and can be scheduled *after* an application has been submitted. Please contact Annie Hallett at ahallett@bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1420 to make arrangements.

Financial Aid and Discounts

Bishop O'Connell works with FACTS Grants & Aid to administer need-based financial aid. Families who are in need of tuition assistance should submit their FACTS application early to maximize their chances for financial aid. Documents from the most recent tax year will be required.

Discounts are available for employees within the Diocese of Arlington and active duty members of the military.

Questions about Financial Aid and Discounts? Contact financialaid@bishopoconnell.org.





WCAC ATHLETIC TRANSFER POLICY

1. The WCAC Athletic Transfer Policy applies only to student participation in varsity sports. There are no transfer restrictions for student participation in junior varsity sports.

2. A student may only participate in sports for 8 consecutive semesters upon entering the 9th grade.

3. All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are permitted a ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. To be eligible to play any varsity sports (fall and winter) at the new WCAC member school during the school year of the transfer, the student must be enrolled in the new school on or before September 15 of that school year. If the enrollment occurs after September 15, the student is ineligible to play fall and winter varsity sports at the new school.

   To be eligible to play any varsity sports (spring) at the new WCAC member school during the school year of the transfer, the student must be enrolled in the new school on or before January 31 of that school year. If the enrollment occurs after January 31, the student is ineligible to play spring varsity sports at the new school.

   Any intra-conference transfer in addition to the ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer renders the student ineligible to play any varsity sports at the new school for 365 days from the date of enrollment at the new school.

4. A 12th grade student is NOT permitted an intra-conference transfer. If a 12th grade student transfers from one WCAC member school to a new WCAC member school, he/she is ineligible to play any varsity sports. If during his/her 11th grade year a student plays a varsity sport or plays multiple varsity sports at one WCAC member school and thereafter uses the One-Time intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play that same sport or those same sports at the new WCAC school for the remainder of that current school year. For the purpose of all provisions of this policy, a student is considered a 12th grade student the day after the end of his/her 11th grade year.

5. Transfers from non-WCAC member schools:

   a. Each 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student transferring from a non-WCAC member school to a WCAC member school is eligible to participate in all varsity sports immediately, provided the student has not previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. If the student previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play varsity sports at the new school for 365 days from the date of enrollment at the new school.

   b. A 12th grade student transferring from a non-WCAC member school to a WCAC member school is eligible to participate in all varsity sports provided he/she has enrolled in the WCAC member school by September 15 of that school year and provided the student has not previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. If the enrollment occurs after September 15 or the student previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play any varsity sports at the new school.

6. Definitions: for the purpose of this Athletic Transfer Policy, the following definitions apply:
    a. "Enrolled" and "Enrollment" in a school means a student has:
        i. Completed the application for the new school;
        ii. Has written acceptance from the new school; and
        iii. Payment of the Registration Fee has been received by the new school.
    b. "Intra-conference transfer" means moving from one WCAC member school to another WCAC member school.
    c. "ONE-TIME" is defined as a single intra-conference transfer for a 9th, 10th and 11th grade student during the student's high school years.
    d. "WCAC member school" means a school which is a part of The Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.
    e. "Play" or "Played" means to appear or be listed on a varsity sport roster.
7. Each Head of School shall provide the WCAC Commissioner with legal guardianship documentation for a student upon request.
8. The WCAC and each member school shall publish the Athletic Transfer Policy, and all future amendments or modifications thereto, on their respective websites or on any other media intended to give notice to their students or those interested in becoming students at their school. It is the responsibility of each member school to provide a copy of the Athletic Transfer Policy to each student who intends to transfer or has transferred into their school.
9. The Athletic Transfer Policy is effective July 24, 2023 and shall remain as stated above until otherwise amended, modified, or terminated by the member schools.
10. All enrollment/transfer dates set forth by the WCAC must be adhered to, students must be enrolled by September 15 in order to play Fall and Winter sports, and January 31 in order to play Spring sports.

Amended and unanimously approved by the conference's presidents 15 June 2023