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SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER — ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

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- I. The following conditions apply to all high school students commencing with the successful completion of the eighth (8th) grade as defined in the Osceola District Schools *Student Progression Plan*. These requirements are a supplement to the bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) guidelines relative to the transfer and eligibility of student athletes.
 - A. The student's designated interscholastic athletic participation school shall be defined as the school to which the student is zoned to attend upon completion of the eighth (8th) grade.
 - B. Any student who transfers to a school other than the student's designated interscholastic athletic participation school will be eligible at the new school provided the student qualifies under one of the transfer regulations listed within the current published FHSAA Transfer bylaw.
 1. Exception
 - a. All student transfers are subject to FHSAA bylaws regarding students participating in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school.
 - C. It shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student to indicate the desire to participate in interscholastic athletic programs at the initiation of the transfer by indicating such on the appropriate school choice transfer request form and the "Affidavit of Compliance with Policy on Recruiting" form that FHSAA requires.
 1. All School Choice request are required to be completed during the open enrollment window and must meet district criteria for approval.
 2. A qualifying transfer student becomes eligible on the sixth day of attendance as stated in the FHSAA current guidelines.
 - D. 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 students meet the criteria in s.1006.15(3)(h), (per s.1006.195). (Participation is defined as the first day of the sport season as posted by the FHSAA.) Exceptions are listed as follows:
 1. Children of active duty military whose move resulted from military orders
 2. Children relocated due to foster care placement

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3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation, divorce or serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
4. Reassignment by District School Board
5. Transfer of school within the first twenty (20) days for acceptance into a previously applied program
6. Students shall have the right to appeal to the district athletic eligibility appeal committee. The committee will have ten (10) school days to schedule and hear the hardship case. The appeal Committee shall be made up of the following;
 - a. Deputy Superintendent of Human Services
 - b. Two High School Principals whose school are not involved in the transfer of the student
 - c. Representative from student Services
 - d. Representative from District leadership team.

E. Due Process

When a student is determined to be ineligible or is ruled ineligible by the FHSAA, the member school principal may appeal the ruling of the FHSAA if he/she or the student takes issue with it, and must do so at the student's request. If possible, such disposition of the appeal is to be made before the end of the applicable sport season.

- F. A student receiving any type of transfer into a high school must abide by all the FHSAA bylaws and applicable School Board Rules relative to athletic eligibility.
- G. Any parent/guardian on behalf of a student or the student themselves who is found to have provided falsified eligibility information shall lose athletic eligibility for one (1) calendar year form the date of discovery of the violation.
- H. Any student who is found to be attending a school out of his/her assigned attendance zone without a properly executed student transfer shall be returned to his/her home school and shall forfeit athletic eligibility for a period of one calendar year form the discovery of the violation.

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