



Book	Policy Manual
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#### 2431.01 - PARTICIPATION BY TRANSFER STUDENTS

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 the District's interscholastic athletic program.

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.

The Principal of each school in the District shall be responsible for enforcing the FHSAA's bylaws and policies in his/her school. The Principal 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.

The Principal or his/her designee must annually submit all eligibility reports electronically and sign all eligibility correspondence. The principal or designee 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.

#### **Good Cause - Transfer Students**

According to FHSAA bylaw 9.3.2.2(d), a transferring student may participate in the same sport in which he/she has participated earlier in the school year at previously attended school if that student meets "good cause" criteria. In order to meet the threshold of "good cause" for Liberty County School District, the student must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Establish residency within Liberty County;
2. Is departing from a lower performing school in pursuit of better academic opportunities;
3. Desires to participate in an academic or CTE program that is not currently offered at their previous school; or
4. Is established by the Superintendent to have met good cause.

*(Note: It is the responsibility of the Superintendent or his designee to determine if a student has sufficiently met one or more of the above listed criteria, and holds the right to deny the student's request.)*

#### **Recruiting Prohibited/Penalties**

The Board recognizes that the recruitment of student athletes is strictly prohibited by F.S. 1006.20. The FHSAA, through its bylaws, has prescribed penalties, sanctions and an appeals process for athletic recruiting violations. A student may not be declared ineligible based on violation of recruiting rules unless the student or parent has falsified any enrollment or eligibility document or accepted any benefit or any promise of benefit if such benefit is not generally available to the school's students or family members or is based in any way on athletic interest, potential, or performance.

#### **Eligibility Appeals**

If the Principal 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.

