



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Student Eligibility Guidance for High School Principals and Athletic Administrators

Transfer Bylaw Guidance Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 5 – Poor Performing Schools

This document will focus on and Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 5. For guidance on the full text of Bylaw 4-7-2, please visit (<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/4-7-2Guidance.pdf>). Exception 5 reads as follows:

If it is determined that one or more of the exceptions that follow represents an event which creates the need to transfer, i.e., creates a cause and effect relationship, then one of more of the following exceptions may apply:

Exception 5: *If a student transfers pursuant to state or federal statutes addressing academically poor performing schools, and the student can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Director's office that the transfer is for purely academic reasons and not athletic reasons, the Executive Director's office may declare such transferring student eligible for the second half of the season and the OHSAA tournament upon application to the Executive Director's office. The OHSAA uses the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) List of EdChoice Schools, as of the date of the transfer, to denote academically poor performing schools.*

Note 1: The student shall be entitled to one transfer only under the provisions set forth in this bylaw. In addition, this bylaw shall not be used to establish eligibility at another high school if the student transfers into and then back out of the poor performing school in an attempt to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Note 2: If a student has used this bylaw to transfer out of a poor performing school at any time during his or her high school career, the student shall not be permitted to transfer back to the same poor performing school and regain transfer eligibility.

Until a student is declared eligible by the Executive Director's Office in accordance with this exception, they shall be ineligible for all OHSAA tournaments in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer. In addition, the student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels AFTER the first 50% of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer.

To request a ruling under exception 5, please complete the exception 5 form found here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/PoorPerformingForm.pdf>

- Click here for the list of schools that are currently on the: [ODEW EdChoice Designated School List](#).

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