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Guidance for 2020-2021– Superintendents of Ohio’s Multiple High School Public School Districts

Bylaw 4-7-6 – Intra-District Transfer – Beginning of the School Year

The membership approved a revision to the intra district transfer bylaw which now permits a student who attends a high school in one of Ohio’s **multiple high school public districts** to transfer to another high school **within the same school district** if the criteria found in the bylaw have been met. This bylaw reads as follows:

If a student transfers between high schools within the same public school district, the student may have his/her eligibility restored by the Executive Director’s office provided the following conditions have been met:

- 1) The student has been reassigned to the high school by the school district as a result of **redistricting or** a specific change of program, the details of which shall be clearly stipulated in writing to the Executive Director’s office; and
- 2) The **reassignment** takes place **after the conclusion of the previous school year and** prior to the beginning of the **current** school year, **and the student commences enrollment and attendance on day one of the current school year; and**
- 3) The District petitions the Executive Director’s office for the restoration of eligibility for the student no later than 15 school days after the beginning of the school year; and
- 4) The student remains eligible until the first 50% of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed or until ruled eligible by the Executive Director’s Office.
- 5) This bylaw will have no application for seniors who are requesting a “specific change of academic program.”**

This transfer option is available one time only during the student’s high school career. A student who subsequently withdraws from the academic program to which he or she has been assigned shall be declared immediately ineligible and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Bylaw 11.

NOTE: Students who are transferring to take advantage of the IB Diploma Program shall have junior standing and be fully enrolled in the IB Diploma Program.

The superintendent, or his/her designee, wishing to request a transfer shall direct a letter to either Dr. Deborah Moore or Ms. Roxanne Price describing the reason for the transfer as stipulated in item #1 above. The student shall make the transfer no later than the first day of the new school year, and the superintendent shall have until the **15th day** of the new school year to request the transfer eligibility. Please be sure to list the school from which each is transferring and the school into which each is transferring. **Failure to apply for this exception within 15 days of the start of the school year may require a fine for restoration of eligibility provided the student(s) is compliant with all other aspects of this bylaw.**

Upon receipt of the letter, the OHSAA shall approve the eligibility of the student(s) provided the student(s) is compliant with all aspects of the bylaw. Click here to access a list of examples that are compliant as well as noncompliant with the specific change in program aspect of this bylaw.

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/SampleSituations-ChangeInEducationalProgram.pdf>

Please contact Debbie Moore or Roxanne Price with any questions.