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Guidance for 2020-2021– Superintendents of Ohio’s Non-Public School Systems
Bylaw 4-7-7 – Intra-System Transfer – Beginning of the School Year

The membership has approved an intra-system transfer bylaw that permits a student who **attends a non-public high school in one of Ohio’s non-public systems to transfer to another high school within the same system** if the criteria found in the bylaw have been met. This bylaw reads as follows:

If a student transfers to a high school located within the jurisdiction of a non-public multiple high school system (e.g., Catholic Conference of Ohio, Ohio Association of Independent Schools, Association of Christian Schools International or other category as denoted by the State Department of Education) from another high school within that same system, 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 superintendent or other administrative authority of that school system as a result of a specific change of academic program the details of which shall be clearly stipulated in writing to the Executive Director’s office; ~~or a material change in economic circumstances so as to create a hardship; or a material change in transportation circumstances so as to create a hardship;~~ 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 superintendent or other administrative authority of the system petitions the Executive Director’s office for the restoration of eligibility for the student verifying in detail the specific reason for the transfer in accordance with item #1 and certifying that the transfer is not for athletic reasons **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. Please be sure that the letter details how the student meets the exception outlined in #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 school year to request the transfer eligibility.

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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 provided the student 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.