

IMPORTANT STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

Adoption of PWCS Regulation 721-2

Student Transfers – High School

With the adoption of the new regulation 721-2, changes have been added that impact a student's Virginia High School League eligibility for participation in interscholastic sports at the high school level.

- A. Students who are granted approval to transfer to a school outside their established attendance area shall be eligible to participate in Virginia High School League (VHSL) activities when entering the school as a first time ninth grade student. Any student who transfers after establishing eligibility in the freshman year at his or her base/zoned school shall be ineligible to participate in VHSL-sponsored activities for 365 days of the transfer to a requested school. The Superintendent of Schools or designee may grant a waiver to the VHSL transfer rule based on a decision made by the School Division that requires the transfer of the student, but not for athletic and/or activity purposes. (VHSL Handbook, Transfer Rule 28-6-1.)
- B. Students who transfer to a school to participate in a designated site program shall meet all eligibility requirements for VHSL-sponsored activities. The transfer shall become effective when the student enters the program. The student shall meet full participation requirements for the program in order to retain eligibility.
- C. Students who enter such programs as rising ninth graders are eligible to participate in VHSL-sponsored activities. Once a student establishes eligibility in a high school, and the student transfers to another high school for any reason, the student shall be ineligible for 365 days unless there is a corresponding change of address in accordance with VHSL Regulation 28-6-1. Twelfth grade students shall not be permitted to transfer for such designated site programs without specific permission from the High School Level Associate Superintendent or designee.
- D. Once a student establishes eligibility in a high school, any additional transfer requests for designated site programs shall not be considered for a waiver and the student shall be ineligible for 365 days from the date of the transfer.
- E. If a student is dismissed by the program director from the designated site program for not meeting the program requirements, the student shall return to his or her base/zoned school the following school year. The student must apply for a Superintendent's waiver for VHSL activities participation according to VHSL guidelines. Waivers will be granted according to guidelines provided in Transfer Rule 28-6-1 of the VHSL policy manual.
- F. If a student chooses to withdraw from a designated site program, the student shall return to his or her base/zoned school the following school year. The student will not be eligible for a waiver of VHSL Transfer Rule 28-6-1.