

**NDHSAA Board Proposed Constitution & By-Laws Amendment
Grade 9-12 Semesters
Proposed: 6/11/2019**

Part II, ARTICLE XIV, SECTIONS II, IX and X

SECTION II: ~~A student shall not compete for more than four seasons in any one branch of interscholastic contests, provided that competition while in the seventh, and/or eighth grade shall not constitute one of the four seasons.~~ A student shall not participate in more than four seasons in grades 9-12 in any interscholastic activity. A student shall have only eight consecutive semesters (four consecutive years) of eligibility in high school in which he/she may participate in one season per year in any activity.

SECTION IX:

~~c. When some of the senior high schools within the same public school district are organized as three year high schools and others are organized as four year high schools, students finishing the ninth grade in the school system operating a three year high school have the privilege of transferring to the four year high school system without loss of eligibility if transfer is made at the start of the first semester of tenth grade. Such transfers are not permitted from four year high schools to the three year high school without loss of eligibility. This in no way abridges the right of a student to establish his/her eligibility in any high school of his/her choice at the beginning of ninth grade.~~

SECTION X: ~~A student shall not participate in any interscholastic contests after his/her eighth semester in high school unless he/she is under 18 years of age, nor after his/her seventh semester, if his/her seventh and eighth semesters are not consecutive.~~ In the event that a student has been unable to participate in an activity due to a diagnosed life threatening illness or other exceptional reason, the Executive Secretary has the power to grant/deny the student one or two additional semesters of eligibility provided the member school of attendance submits and supports an extra semester(s) application establishing that the student has not reached his/her twentieth birthday and the student is academically eligible. The decision of the Executive Secretary may be appealed pursuant to the Due Process Procedures of Article VI, Sections XV through XVII of these By-Laws (see Extra Semester(s) Appeals Flow Chart, attached hereto at page 38 and incorporated by reference), provided the student has not reached his/her twentieth birthday and is otherwise eligible. (October ~~2011~~ 2019)