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# NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## ABBREVIATED TRANSFER INFORMATION

### PROCESS STEPS INVOLVING STUDENT TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

- Students and parents should review [Safeguarding Your Eligibility](#) and the [Condensed Eligibility Rules](#) prior to contacting their incoming school administrator.  
**NDHSAA Eligibility Information:** <https://ndhsaa.com/administrators-coaches/eligibility>
- Talk to your incoming school administrator about NDHSAA transfer rules **BEFORE** completing your student's transfer.
- If varsity eligibility is most important to your student, **DO NOT** open enroll to a new school or otherwise transfer to a new school unless your student is a first-time 9th grader or meets another transfer waiver criteria.
- Local school administrators (AD, Principal, Supt.) determine their students' eligibility status. If questions arise following administrator contact, the administrator should contact NDHSAA.
- Following administrator contact, parents may send transfer questions to NDHSAA via the Parent Inquiry Form. The parent and involved administrator together will receive a determination via email <https://ndhsaa.com/parent-inquiry-form>
- Transfers do not waive student penalties involving alcohol/tobacco/drug or academic rules.

### NOTES ABOUT HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS

- This application is not a tool to shop for schools. Hardships are only approved when students are forced to transfer without choice due to circumstances beyond their or their parents control.
- The hardship eligibility application is initiated by school administrators after a forced transfer has occurred.
- Retransfer to resident district after open enrollment or other conditions of choice involving convenience or financial reasons shall not be approved under this application process.

**\* Please refer to chart on other side regarding transfer waiver criteria**

## NDHSAA Part II, Article XIV, Section IX: Abbreviated Student Transfer Chart:



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*My student is considering transferring to a new high school in a different district or attendance zone.*

Consult with incoming school administrator **BEFORE** completing a transfer. **PLEASE DO NOT** assume transfer rules.



**SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY**

### Transferring students who are immediately varsity eligible under these approved waivers:

- Change of residence when entire family has moved and old residence is completely vacated
- Human Services or court-ordered placement for court-determined reasons
- First-time 9th grader
- Special Education or English Language Learner (ELL) placement
- Transferring between schools with an existing coop (remains varsity eligible in cooped sports/activities between schools)
- CSJET Foreign Exchange student in district of residence (requires NDHSAA approval)
- Students who change schools due to legal adoption.
- Students who transfer to be with parent who is a state legislator during the legislative session
- Students returning to their school after participating in the U.S. Congressional Program
- A student who returns to his/her school from studying in a foreign country (not including Canada or U.S. Territory/military base) and provide evidence the transfers were not motivated by athletics or activities
- National Guard members returning to their high school
- If a high school building closes
- Approved hardship involving abandonment or death of parents; or, other exceptional reason

**\*\*\* Transfers are considered complete once a student has attended at or competed for the new school.**

**\*\*\* Once a transfer has occurred, the decision is considered final.**

### Transferring students who are not varsity eligible are able to immediately participate on sub-varsity teams until they have attended their new school one calendar year:

- Any transfer after first-time 9th grade not involving approved waiver (above)
- Open enrolled students. Open enrollment does not waive the transfer rule
- Students transferring between public/private schools or private/private schools
- Students transferring to live with guardians without court determined order
- Students living on their own separately from their parents
- Students whose families maintain dual residences