

# KSHSAA STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

## For Middle/Junior and Senior High School Counselors to Determine Eligibility When Enrolling Students

Schools may have stricter rules than those pertaining to the questions listed below. Contact the principal or athletic director on any matter of eligibility. A student, to be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities, must be certified by the school principal as meeting all eligibility standards.

All KSHSAA rules and regulations are published in the official *KSHSAA Handbook* which is distributed annually and is available at your school principal's office. A brief summary of some of the rules pertaining to eligibility is listed below. **If you have questions, please ask your principal.**

- RULE 7 Physical Examination — Parental Consent:** Students shall have passed an adequate **physical examination** given by an approved health care provider and have the written consent of their parents or legal guardian. Students and parents must sign and submit the school's Concussion and Head Injury Form required by state law.
- RULE 14 Bona Fide Student:** Eligible students shall be a **bona fide undergraduate member** of his/her school in good standing.
- RULE 15 Enrollment/Attendance:** Students must be regularly **enrolled and in attendance** no later than Monday of the fourth week of the semester in which they participate.
- RULE 16 Semester Requirements:** Once the school determines that a student is promoted from sixth grade, middle school/junior high eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. Once the school determines that a student is promoted from eighth grade, high school eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. A student shall not have more than two semesters of possible eligibility in grade seven and two semesters in grade eight. A student shall not have more than eight consecutive semesters of possible eligibility in grades nine through twelve, regardless of whether the ninth grade is included in junior high or in a senior high school. NOTE: If a student does not participate or is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., the semester(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of semesters possible.
- RULE 17 Age Requirements:** Students are eligible if they are not 19 years of age (16, 15 or 14 for junior high or middle school student) on or before August 1 of the school year in which they compete.
- RULE 18 Transfer:** If a student changes schools without a move on the part of his/her parents, high school students are ineligible for one calendar year, middle/junior high students are ineligible for eighteen school calendar weeks.
- EXCEPTION:**
- BEGINNING SEVENTH GRADER** — A seventh grader, at the beginning of his or her seventh grade year, is eligible under the Transfer Rule at any school in the vicinity of home, which he or she may choose to attend.
- BEGINNING NINTH GRADERS IN A THREE-YEAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** — So that ninth graders of a three-year junior high are treated equally to ninth graders of a four-year senior high school, a student who has successfully completed the eighth grade of a two-year middle/junior high school, may transfer to the ninth grade of a three-year junior high school at the beginning of the school year and be eligible immediately under the Transfer Rule. Such a ninth grader must then, as a tenth grader, attend the feeder senior high school of their school system. If they attend a different school as a tenth grader, they would be ineligible for one calendar year.
- ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME** — A senior high student is eligible under the Transfer Rule at any senior high school he or she may choose to attend when senior high school is entered for the first time at the beginning of the school year.
- RULE 19 Undue Influence:** "The enrollment in a school, the transfer from one school to another, or the failure to transfer from one school to another because of undue influence by anyone connected, directly or indirectly (*including alumni associations, booster groups and similar organizations*) with a member school, shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days. Such conduct shall also jeopardize the school's standing in the Association and shall result in such other action as the Executive Board deems appropriate."
- RULE 20 & 21 Amateur and Awards Rules:** Students are eligible if they have not **competed under a false name** or for money or merchandise of intrinsic value, and have observed all other provisions of the Amateur and Awards Rules.
- RULE 22 Outside Competition:** Students may not engage in **outside competition** in the same sport during a season in which they are representing their school. **NOTE:** Consult the coach, athletic director or principal before participating individually or on a team in any game, training session, contest, or tryout conducted by an outside organization.
- RULE 25 Anti-Fraternity:** Students are eligible if they are not members of any **fraternity** or other organization prohibited by law or by the rules of the KSHSAA.
- RULE 26 Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction:** Students are eligible if they have not participated in **training sessions or tryouts** held by outside agencies other than colleges or organizations in the same sport while a member of a school athletic team.
- RULE 30 Seasons of Sport:** Students are not eligible for more than **four seasons** in one sport in a four-year high school, three seasons in a three-year high school or two seasons in a two-year high school.

## KSHSAA STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 1. Are you a bona fide student in **good standing** in school? (*If there is a question, your principal will make that determination.*)
- Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 2. Did you **pass at least five new subjects (those not previously passed)** last semester? (*The KSHSAA has a minimum regulation which requires you to pass at least five subjects of unit weight in your last semester of attendance.*) Note: Students entering 7th or 9th grade are exempt from this academic requirement for the first semester of 7th or 9th grade only.
- Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 3. Are you planning to **enroll in at least five new subjects (those not previously passed)** of unit weight this coming semester? (*The KSHSAA has a minimum regulation which requires you to enroll and be in attendance in at least five subjects of unit weight.*)
- Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 4. Did you **attend** this school or a feeder school in your district last semester? If the answer is "no" to Question 4, please answer:
- a. Do you reside with your parents? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- b. If you reside with your parents, have they made a permanent and bona fide move into your school's attendance center? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If a negative response is given to any of these questions, the counselor should have this enrollee contact his/her administrator in charge of evaluating eligibility. This should be done before the student is allowed to attend his/her first class and prior to the first activity practice. If questions still exist, the school administrator should telephone the KSHSAA for a final determination of eligibility. (*Schools shall process a Certificate of Transfer Form T-E on ALL transfer students.*)