

**Remote Learning & Direct Instruction Policy – Effective entire 2020-2021 school year.**

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***Students who are receiving direct instruction via remote learning and are enrolled in at least 5 new subjects of unit weight will be eligible for participation in KSHSAA sponsored activities only at the member school in which they are enrolled and receiving instruction.***

Rationale:

Because of the coronavirus pandemic schools are being allowed to provide instruction through means other than the traditional classroom setting. Some students may receive all instruction remotely during the 2020-2021 school year. These students are still full enrolled at the member school and attending/participating in at least 5 classes of unit weight. They will receive grades that will reflect on the student transcript at that school.

The KSHSAA recognizes the value of co-curricular and extra-curricular participation. We believe the resumption of in person classes, sports and other activities is crucial to the growth development and mental and emotional wellness of our nation's youth, however, the remote learning opportunity with a direct instruction expectation should not restrict students from participation in KSHSAA sponsored events when appropriate for each individual student.

Notes:

1. All other eligibility criteria must be satisfied (transfer, scholarship\*, age, semesters, citizenship)
2. Remote Learning and Direct Instruction, as referenced in this policy, is detailed in the KSDE Navigating Change document released and approved by the KSBOE on July 15, 2020.
3. Remote learning is available to all KSHSAA member schools who choose to offer this option to enrolled students. Some school districts may choose to maintain an increased attendance requirement for eligibility purposes.
4. The virtual school policy is still in effect. If a student is enrolled in virtual online classes from any source other than the home school district which are not considered as a component of the remote learning offering, they are still required to attend at least one class at the school to be eligible for participation in KSHSAA sponsored activities. The school district makes decisions on whether to allow virtual classes to count as credit for their school and allow participation by students doing virtual learning.

As a reminder, students who participate in Remote Learning in the member school they attended at end of 2019-20 school year are not considered transfer students and may have continued eligibility as long as they remain enrolled in the same school. Students choosing to attend third party virtual schools (non-member) this fall and not maintaining dual enrollment in their base school will not be eligible this year and will be subject to transfer rules upon return (Rule 18-1-4 applies and will only allow non-varsity eligibility in for first year back in their member school when transferring from a virtual school).

\*For fall semester of 2020, scholarship eligibility is based upon the academic standard established by school district attended in spring 2020.