REQUEST FOR TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS RE. BYLAW 4-7-5 – POOR PERFORMING SCHOOLS
2019-2020

Effective May 15, 2019, as released by the Ohio Department of Education, the OHSAA shall use the ODE’s Priority School List to determine applicability of this Bylaw. A “Priority School” is one that ranks in the lowest five percent (5%) of schools in Ohio in student academic performance. Please note that whenever the State Department releases a new list, this document will be adjusted accordingly.

BYLAW 4 – SECTION 7 – TRANSFER

Bylaw 4-7-5 - Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-7-2 and 4-7-4, if a student transfers pursuant to state or federal statutes addressing unsafe schools or academically poor performing schools, and the student can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Director’s office that the transfer is for purely academic reasons and not athletic reasons, the Executive Director’s office may declare such transferring student eligible upon application to the Executive Director’s office. The student is not eligible until declared eligible by the Executive Director’s office. The OHSAA uses the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) List of Priority Schools, or other such ODE publication denoting poor performing schools, as of the date the transfer request is received in the Executive Director’s Office, to denote academically poor performing schools.

Note 1: The student shall be entitled to one transfer only under the provisions set forth in this bylaw. In addition, this bylaw shall not be used to establish eligibility at another high school if the student transfers into and then back out of the poor performing school in an attempt to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Note 2: If a student has used this bylaw to transfer out of a poor performing school at any time during his or her high school career, the student shall not be permitted to transfer back to the same poor performing school and regain transfer eligibility.

The following Ohio high schools, identified by the Ohio Department of Education as on the Priority School List, referenced as “academically poor performing schools” by virtue of their ranking within the lowest five percent of public school buildings by the Performance Index Score, shall be considered schools referenced within this bylaw:

1. Akron Kenmore-Garfield
2. Akron North
3. Canton City Digital High School
4. Cleveland Collinwood High School
5. Cleveland East Technical High School
6. Cleveland Glenville High School
7. Cleveland John Adams High School
8. Cleveland John F. Kennedy High School
9. Cleveland John Marshall High School
10. Cleveland Lincoln-West High School
11. Cincinnati Dater High School
12. Cincinnati Gamble Montessori
13. Cincinnati Oyler High School
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14. Cincinnati Riverview East Academy
15. Cincinnati Virtual High School
16. Cincinnati Woodward Career Technical High School
17. Columbus Global High School
18. Crestline High School
19. Crooksville High School
20. Dayton Belmont High School
21. Dayton Meadowdale High School
22. Euclid High School
23. Lorain K-12 Digital Academy
24. Maple Heights High School
25. New Boston Glenwood
26. Ohio Virtual Academy
27. Ohio Connections Academy
28. Painesville Harvey High School
29. Richmond Heights High School
30. Springfield Keifer Academy
31. Toledo Woodward High School
32. Warrensville Heights High School
33. Youngstown East High School

To request an eligibility ruling, a school administrator representing the school into which the student is transferring must send a letter identifying the following:

1. Name of the student
2. The high school from which the student is transferring pursuant to 4-7-5 and which appears on the current list
3. Verification that the transfer is being made for purely academic and not athletic reasons and that there has been no contact with the student by any member of the athletic department staff for the purpose of encouraging the transfer.
4. Verification that this is the first and only transfer pursuant to 4-7-5
5. Verification that the student has not transferred into and then immediately back out of the poor performing school.

For additional information, please contact either Deborah Moore or Roxanne Price.