



ATTENTION STUDENT-ATHLETES

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This summary of FHSAA athletic eligibility guidelines should be posted in places conspicuous to potential student-athletes. Students must understand that these guidelines are general statements only. Complete eligibility regulations are contained in Article 9 of the FHSAA Bylaws in the FHSAA Handbook, which is available for download at FHSAA.org. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT eligibility@fhsaa.org.**

PROTECT YOUR FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

**THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES
WHO PLAN TO PLAY SPORTS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL TEAM**

1. You must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at your current school. There are exceptions (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
2. Once you enter high school, you are required to maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale after completion of the first semester of 9th grade (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4).
3. You can only compete for the high school you attend. There are exceptions. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
4. You must complete all participation forms before participating in any athletic activities. (FHSAA Bylaws 9.7 and 9.8)
5. You must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition **before, during and after** every contest in which you participate. If not, you may be suspended from participation for a period of time. (FHSAA Bylaw 7)
6. Must refrain from hazing/bullying while a member of an athletic team or while participating in any athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a member school.
7. You must not provide false information to your high school or the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1.2.2)
8. **Falsifying documentation, accepting an impermissible benefit or talking to a coach or someone from the school about playing at his/her school before you begin attending that school is a violation and could result in:** (FHSAA Policy 36)
 - a. you being ineligible for a year;
 - b. the coach may be fined and suspended;
 - c. the school may face penalties including fines and not making the playoffs.
9. **Effective with students entering 9th grade during the 2014-15 school year and thereafter, you must be less than 19 years old on September 1st to participate as a high school student that school year.** (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)