

ITEMS PASSED BY LHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Per LHSAA Constitution and Bylaw 4.4.4 | September 12-13, 2018

ITEM	SECTION	SUBJECT	ACTION / REMARKS
1	Eligibility	<p>Amend Bylaw 1.5.2 - Eligibility</p> <p>1.5.2 Schools <i>shall</i> maintain an individual folder or electronic file on each student-athlete in a <i>centrally located place</i> in the school to be determined by the principal. A school failing to adhere to all required rules and/or failing to have all required eligibility forms properly completed, signed, and maintained in the school's files shall be subject to the penalty. Each folder shall contain the following required eligibility documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal proof of birth as required (Rule 1.6) 2. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Medical History Form (Rules 1.7) 3. Current Medical Examination Form (Rule 1.7) 4. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Interscholastic Athletic Participation Form (Rule 1.8) 5. Completed and properly signed LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract (Rule 1.9) 6. Official copy of grades (final grades from previous school year for first semester or mid-term grade for second semester) (Rule 1.10) 7. An official copy of the student's transcript (Rule 1.10) 8. Checklist for 7th/8th Grade Student Participating in LHSAA Sanctioned Athletics, if applicable 	Effective Immediately
2	Eligibility	<p>Delete Bylaws 1.10.16 and 1.10.17 - Eligibility</p> <p>1.10.16 – Connections 8th Student: The Connections Program is a one year process designed by the LDE where overage students, who are 15 years of age by September 30 of the current school year and are two (2) or more years academically behind their peers, receive targeted instruction and accelerated remediation aimed at attaining a diploma, GED, or State Approved Skills Certificate. The LDE has requested the LHSAA adopt a policy to allow these students to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school. A Connections 8th Student is defined and classified as a bona fide student of an LHSAA member school if the student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is enrolled in and attends an LHSAA school under the jurisdiction of the LHSAA school principal 2. Is classified as an 8th grade student 3. A Connections 8th Program student shall only be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the sub varsity level. If the 	Effective Immediately

~~LHSAA member school does not offer a sub varsity level in a particular sport, the student shall be ineligible for competition in that sport.~~

~~4. A Connections 8th Program student shall only be eligible for interscholastic athletic participation in an LHSAA member school located in attendance where he/she resides with his/her parent/guardian or any other household with whom he/she has been residing for at least the past calendar year. This zone shall be considered his/her home attendance zone for the purpose of applying the Residence and School Transfers rule. With written permission from the LHSAA, a school system may allow a Connections 8th student to participate at his/her home attendance zone school while attending a Connections 8th Program center located within the school system.~~

~~5. Placement in the Connections 8th Program for the first time shall fulfill the scholastic requirements for the first semester of the school year.~~

~~6. To be scholastically eligible for the second semester, he/she shall pass at least 75% of all subjects taken and shall earn at least a "C" average as determined by the LEA in all "graded" subjects.~~

~~7. Connections 8th students shall begin their ensuing eight consecutive semesters of eligibility the first year they are classified as a Connection 8 student.~~

~~8. To be scholastically eligible for the first semester of the next school year, he/she shall have been promoted to the 9th grade.~~

~~9. Connections 8th is a one year process and shall not be extended for athletic eligibility purposes.~~

~~**1.10.17 Transitional 9th Grade Student:** A transitional 9th grade student shall be defined as a student who does not meet the standard and does not meet the requirements for other state waivers for promotion to the 9th grade due to failure to pass the required sections of a statewide or school system mandated examination required for promotion to the 9th grade. The student may be placed in the transitional 9th grade option by the School Building Level Committee of the LEA. To be eligible for athletic participation, a transitional 9th grade student shall be enrolled in and attending an LHSAA member school under the jurisdiction of a member school principal. The student shall be taking a full class schedule that includes at least one high school subject or Carnegie unit(s) and a remedial subject(s) as required which fulfills the scholastic requirements for interscholastic participation for the first semester of the school year.~~

~~1. A transitional 9th grade student shall begin their ensuing eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.~~

~~2. The results of a statewide or school system mandated examination for promotion to the 9th grade shall not be used to determine a student's scholastic eligibility for the first semester of a school year. In this context, the promotion examination is considered to be in addition to the other requirements set forth in the school's/school system's pupil progression program.~~

~~3. When a student described in this rule takes enough Carnegie unit subjects to meet the basic requirements of the LHSAA's Scholastic Rule, a student's scholastic eligibility shall be determined as follows:~~

~~a. To be scholastically eligible for the second semester of the school year, a student shall pass at least six (6) subjects, including remedial subjects, from the first semester of the school year.~~

		<p>b. To be scholastically eligible for the first semester of the next school year, a student shall have earned at least six (6) units from the previous year, which shall be listed on the student's transcript and shall have earned at least a "C" average as determined by the Local Education Authority when considering all graded subjects.</p> <p>4. Students placed in transitional 9th grade shall not be included in the high school graduation cohort during their first year on the high school campus but they are still eligible to graduate in four years. Any student that has been classified as a 9th grade transitional student and does not graduate in four years shall not be eligible for athletic participation in his/her fifth year of high school. A transitional 9th grade student shall also not be eligible for hardship consideration during his/her fifth year of high school.</p>	
3	Eligibility	<p>Amend Bylaw 1.12.6 - Eligibility</p> <p>1.12.6 In all transfer cases involving two LHSAA member schools, the principal of the receiving school (school to which the student transfers), and the sending school (school from which the student transferred), must complete an LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form. This form shall be initiated by the receiving school principal and provided to the sending school principal using a valid, registered email address listed on the contact portion of the LHSAA's Members' Only for completion by the sending school principal. Concurrence online with the transfer by both principals is required but does not guarantee or assure eligibility. The LHSAA reserves the right to investigate any transfer and make a ruling on the student's eligibility. It is recommended A student <u>shall</u> not participate in an interscholastic contest until the transfer form is fully executed by both principals, <u>an official ruling has been made by the Executive Director or his/her designee</u>, and is on file in the office of the receiving school. The receiving school has the burden of proof should the eligibility of a transfer student come into question. Providing false or misleading information on this form may result in penalty to the student or school or both. The deadline to return the Principal's Concurrence Form to the receiving school principal is ten (10) days. Failure to timely complete the LHSAA Principal's Concurrence Form shall result in the school (sending and/or receiving) being fined \$100.</p>	Effective Immediately
4	Administration	<p>Amend Bylaw 3.12.1 - LHSAA/LHSCA Passes</p> <p>3.12.1 Membership cards of principals and assistant principals assigned by the local school authorities, superintendents, athletic supervisors, coaches, full-time athletic directors, trainers and spirit coaches who meet requirements of the coaches' rule, football and basketball <u>and all</u> assignment secretaries shall be honored by allowing the holder and one person free admission at all regular season games, playoff games, and tournaments <u>including state championships</u>. This rule applies to an active athletic coach of an LHSAA recognized sport who is employed by the school board, meets the requirements of the coaches' rule, and coaches a high school team at an LHSAA school. Membership cards of non-faculty coaches who have successfully completed the requirements of the</p>	Effective Immediately

		LHSAA's Non-Faculty Certification Program shall be honored by allowing the cardholder free admission at all regular season games, playoff games, and tournaments <u>including state championships</u> . This pass shall be non-transferable.	
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