

High School Student-Athletic Transfers Within the Cedar Rapids Community School District

Eligibility

When a student transfers to another high school in the District, either through an in-District permit or a change in residence, athletic eligibility will be determined by the administration of the receiving school by:

1. Verifying the student's legal residence and ascertaining that the transfer is not in violation of the spirit of the provisions of this regulation.
2. Securing a written transcript of all high school credits.
3. Securing in writing a statement indicating that the student was in good standing in conduct, citizenship, and academic progress at the time of the transfer.

A maximum ten-day waiting period may be invoked pending verification of residence.

In-District Permit

In situations where families choose to have the student attend a school not in their resident attendance area through an in-District permit, the reason should not be for athletic participation. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, in the absence of any evidence of recruiting, when a student obtains an approved in-District permit to enroll in a high school in the District other than the high school in his/her home attendance area the following athletic eligibility provisions shall apply:

1. Any student who permits to a school other than the school assigned to their residence may not play at the varsity level for 90 days from the first day of attendance. Ninth and tenth grade students are only eligible to play on a grade level team. However, if that team sport does not have a full grade level schedule, the student must play at sub-varsity in that particular sport.
2. Students on permit who return to their school of residence may not play at the varsity level for 90 days from the first day of attendance. They are eligible for sub-varsity as stated in the opening bullet. However, a 9th grade student who has permitted to another school may cancel his/her permit and transfer back to his /her home attendance area school and be immediately eligible, if this occurs within the first 12 weeks of the student's freshman year.
3. A student whose family moves during their high school career must obtain an in-District permit to continue at the school they had been attending. However, the student would be fully eligible at either his/her new school of residence or the school he/she had been attending. Any student, who changes schools within the District absent a bona fide move of any family member, as defined by the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and the Iowa Girl's High School Athletic Union, may not play at the varsity level for 90 days from the first day of attendance at the new school. Students must play grade level or at the lowest appropriate level offered in that sport.
4. If the attendance area of a student is changed by a boundary change implemented by the District, the student is fully eligible in the school of his/her newly assigned attendance area. During the boundary transition period as determined by the District, if the student is given the option to stay at the high school he/she was attending prior to the boundary change, the student is fully eligible to participate in that high school. Once a student attends the high school in the attendance area where he/she is assigned, a permit is required to attend another District high school and eligibility restrictions one through three above apply.

Change-In-Residence

A student who transfers to another school because of a change in residence may compete when eligibility has been determined, and immediately when all of the family's household goods have been removed from their previous residence and transferred to their new residence, when the parent resides on a continuous basis in the new home, and when the Superintendent/designee determines that no attempt has been made to circumvent the transfer rule.

Appeal Process

Students who are declared ineligible under this regulation may appeal the decision to the Superintendent/designee in consultation with the Activities Council. If the appeal is not resolved at this level, it may be presented to the Superintendent/designee whose decision on the matter shall be final.

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