



Amendments to AHSAA Bylaws



1. Allow Non-Traditional students to participate in interscholastic athletics with AHSAA member public schools.

Home School Guidelines:

ENROLLMENT

- ✓ Students must enroll in a member public school in order to participate in an interscholastic contest or practice.
- ✓ Must be enrolled at the member public school that serves the area in which the student's parents reside.
- ✓ Must be within the first 20 days of the semester in the school they are zoned to attend.

Note: All home school students are eligible their initial year of enrollment based on local board policy.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- ✓ Students will adhere to all AHSAA rules applicable to academic accountability (Rule I, Section 9: Academic Rule, Requirements).
- ✓ Students will be required to take AHSAA criteria tests developed by the ALSDE for the AHSAA in all four core subjects at the end of each semester for academic eligibility beginning with grade 7 through the end of the first semester in grade 12.
- ✓ (ALL assessment testing will be conducted on campus of the school under the supervision of a certified instructor employed by the school.)

Note: Home school students who opt to take core courses through the school's virtual program or college course credit are not required to take the criteria tests.

Home School students must:

- ✓ Enroll and attend two electives on the campus of the school.

- The AHSAA recommends taking physical education class or athletic PE on campus for safety reasons.
- If the school requires an athlete to take a PE to participate in athletics, the home school student will be required as well.
- If the school does not require athletic PE to participate in athletics, home school students may take PE through the schools' virtual program.
- ✓ Take one elective class on campus and one through the school's virtual program or both elective classes through the school's virtual program.

TRANSFERS

- ✓ A home school student who decides to enroll in a traditional school full time is eligible to participate if all other eligibility requirements are met.
- ✓ A traditional student who decides to be homeschooled because of failing grades is deemed ineligible to participate in athletics for a period of one year. (If in good standing academically at the time of withdrawal, the student remains eligible.)

Practice Time

- ✓ A home school student's practice time must be equivalent to but not to exceed that of a traditional student during a school day.

Virtual School Guidelines:

ENROLLMENT:

- ✓ Virtual school students must follow all ALSDE policies.
- ✓ Local board policy must be in accordance with all AHSAA bylaws.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY:

- ✓ The AHSAA recommends taking a physical education class or athletic PE on campus for safety reasons.
- ✓ If the school requires an athlete to take a PE to participate in athletics, the virtual school student will be required as well.

TRANSFERS:

- ✓ A virtual school student who elects to transfer schools must be in accordance with all AHSAA bylaws pertaining to transfers.

PRACTICE TIME:

- ✓ A virtual school student's practice time must be equivalent to but not to exceed practice that of a traditional student during a school day.

Charter School Guidelines:

ENROLLMENT:

- ✓ Alabama public charter school students must enroll within the first 20 days of the semester in the school they are zoned to attend.
- ✓ For eligibility in an Alabama public charter school, enrollment must be at the public charter school that serves the area in which the student's parents reside and all other requirements are met.
- ✓ A conversion public charter school will assume the same attendance zone of its former traditional public school until the time the local education agency (LEA) or local school board of education reestablishes attendance zones for those students who choose not to attend the conversion public charter school within their current zone. If the former attendance zone changes, the public charter school attendance zone cannot exceed the municipality (city) or county school system zone.
Note: Determination of attendance zones for conversion public charter schools will be locally determined by each LEA and local school board of education.
- ✓ A start-up public charter school will adopt the attendance zone of its municipality in which the school is located. If the school is not located within a municipality, the school zone lines are the same as the county school system where it is located. An index of 1.35 multiplier will be used to determine the enrollment figure for classifying each start-up public charter school.
- ✓ Public charter school attendance zones (conversion or start-up) cannot exceed beyond the municipality (city) or county school system zones.
- ✓ If a public charter school (conversion or start up) does not have athletics, the student may return to his/her home school (based on the student's residence) to participate.
- ✓ If the former attendance zone of the school prior to conversion does not remain the same after the conversion, an index of 1.35 multiplier will be used to determine the enrollment figure for classifying the public charter school.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY:

- ✓ Public charter school students will adhere to all AHSAA rules applicable to academic accountability (Rule 1, Section 9: Academic Rule, Requirements).

TRANSFERS:

- ✓ Public charter school students will adhere to all AHSAA rules applicable to transfers (Rule I, Section 12: Transfer Rule).