

26. ELIGIBILITY – HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

Home School Eligibility Parent

Checklist (Revised Spring 2017)

- A. **Compliance with Oregon Statutory Requirements.** In order for a home school student to represent an OSAA member school in competition, the student must satisfy all relevant requirements included in the home school statutes ([ORS 339.030](#), [ORS 339.035](#), [ORS 339.460](#)) including but not limited to the following:
- B. **Notification of Intent to Home School.** The home school student shall notify the local education service district (ESD) within ten days of withdrawal from the public school and prior to the first day of the school year.
- C. **Meet School District Eligibility Requirements.** The home school student shall meet all school district eligibility requirements with the exception of:
- 1) The school district's school or class attendance requirements, and
 - 2) The OSAA academic eligibility requirements dealing with number of credits required per grading period.
- D. **Meet School District Responsibilities and Standards of Behavior and Performance.** The home school student shall be required to fulfill the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, of other students participating in the interscholastic activity of the team or squad and shall be required to meet the same standards for acceptance on the team or squad. The home school student also shall comply with all school requirements during the time of participation.
- E. **Academic Eligibility (Testing) Requirement.** In lieu of satisfying the OSAA academic eligibility requirements dealing with number of credits required per grading period, the home school student shall achieve a minimum score on the achievement test required annually at the end of the school year (by August 15) of all home school students wishing to participate in activities. The minimum, composite test score as determined by the State Board of Education is the 23rd percentile. The score is used to determine eligibility for the following school year.
- 1) Tests approved for assessment of satisfactory progress by home school students are the two most recent versions of the following tests:
 - Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
 - Terra Nova 2nd Edition valid until August **2019**
 - Stanford 9th Edition
 - 2) The statute also allows a school district to adopt an alternative requirement to a test, such as submission of a portfolio of work samples to a school district committee for review to determine whether a home school student is eligible to participate in interscholastic activities.
- F. **Effect of Academic Ineligibility.** Any home school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility prior to transferring to a home school shall be ineligible to participate in

interscholastic activities as a home school student for the duration of the school year in which the student becomes academically ineligible and for the following year. The student may take the required tests at the end of the second year and, upon meeting the minimum test score standards described in E. above, becomes eligible for the third year.

- G. **Compliance with OSAA Deadlines and Regulations.** In addition to satisfying the Oregon statutory requirements summarized above, a home school student wishing to participate representing a member school must satisfy the following OSAA deadlines and regulations:

1) **Deadlines.**

- a) **Notification of Intent to Home School.** The home school student shall notify the local ESD prior to the first day of school of the public or private school at which the student is eligible to participate in order to represent that school during that school year.
- b) **Testing.** The home school student must have taken the annual test on or before August 15 in order to participate in OSAA activities during the following school year. The student may participate while awaiting test results. **NOTE:** The test is NOT required of students prior to entering the 9th grade for the first time.
- c) **Transfer.** A transfer by a student to a home school is considered to have taken place “in between school years” if the transfer occurs prior to the first day of school of the public or private school at which the student is eligible to participate.

- 2) **Other OSAA Regulations.** Other OSAA regulations are summarized below. (Please see the Rules section of this Handbook for more detailed explanation including questions and answers regarding the regulations.)

- a) **School Representation (Rule 8.5.1.a).** A home school student is eligible to represent only a public or private school located within the public school attendance boundaries of the joint residence of the student and student’s parents.
- b) **Transfer Student Eligibility (Rule 8.6.3.).** If the transfer to or from the home school occurs in between school years, the student is immediately eligible at the beginning of the school year. If the transfer to or from the home school occurs during the school year, the student is ineligible for the remainder of that school year unless the student’s school of representation does not change.
- c) **Duration of Eligibility/Graduation (Rule 8.2.).** A student may participate in interscholastic activities for four consecutive years or eight consecutive semesters after entering the 9th grade.
- d) **Age Restrictions (Rule 8.3.).** A student who becomes 19 before August 15 is ineligible for interscholastic competition. A student who becomes 19 on or after August 15 remains eligible for that entire school year.

- 3) Except where the denial of eligibility of a home school student is based upon Oregon statutory or regulatory requirements, the District Committee may in individual cases, at its discretion, waive or modify the eligibility rules regarding transfers involving home schools when in its opinion there are circumstances beyond the control of each of the student and the student's parent(s), or other circumstances whereby enforcement of the rule would work an undue hardship upon the student. See [Rules, Rule 8.5., "School Representation"](#) for additional information.