

**West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
W. Va. 127CSR2, Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility**

May 11, 2023 – June 12, 2023

Action

A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy.

A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy.

N Comment was not accepted.

Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
§127-2-3 1 a-c Enrollment and Team Membership				
2023-06-11 19:46:27	Sara Prior Mrs. Fayetteville WV	<p>I appreciate the addition of 3.1.b.</p> <p>I suggest that 3.11.a be removed to reflect the updated state statute: §18-2-25 section (d)(1) now says "each" instead of "one."</p> <p>I suggest that 3.11.b be removed because it is covered by 3.1.b.</p> <p>I suggest that 3.11.c be removed to reflect the removal of the course by HB2820.</p> <p>I suggest that 3.11.d be removed because it is covered by 3.1.b.</p> <p>In light of the above, I suggest that 3.11 be amended as follows:</p> <p>3.11. A homeschooled student receiving home instruction pursuant to W.Va. Code §18-8-l(c), is a participant in the Hope Scholarship Program, pursuant to §18-8-1(m) of this code and as provided for in §18-31-1, et seq. of this code, or participates in a microschool or learning pod,</p>	A/C	Response #1: Section 127-2-3.11.c has been removed.

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		<p>pursuant to §18-8-1(n) of this code shall be considered eligible for participating in interscholastic athletic events and other extracurricular activities of the public secondary school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives or as allowed by §127-2-7.e and §127-2-7.2f.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and time.</p>		
<p>2023-06-12 15:55:16</p>	<p>Jamie Buckland Executive Director West Virginia Families United for Education Mercer WV</p>	<p>We appreciate the addition of 3.1.b.</p> <p>We suggest that 3.11.a be removed to reflect the updated state statute: §18-2-25 section (d)(1) now says "each" instead of "one."</p> <p>We suggest that 3.11.b be removed because it is covered by 3.1.b.</p> <p>We suggest that 3.11.c be removed to reflect the removal of the course by HB2820.</p> <p>We suggest that 3.11.d be removed because it is covered by 3.1.b.</p> <p>In light of the above, we suggest that 3.11 be amended as follows:</p> <p>3.11. A homeschooled student receiving home instruction pursuant to W.Va. Code §18-8-1(c), is a participant in the Hope Scholarship Program, pursuant to §18-8-1(m) of this code and as provided for in §18-31-1, et seq. of this code, or participates in a microschoool or learning pod, pursuant to §18-8-1(n) of this code shall be</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See Response #1: Series 126 is West Virginia Board of Education policy.</p>

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		<p>considered eligible for participating in interscholastic athletic events and other extracurricular activities of the public secondary school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives or as allowed by §127-2-7.fe and §127-2-7.2hf.</p> <p>We are also curious about updating §126-26-4.1b.11 to reflect the recent law changes.</p> <p>4.1.b.11. Homeschooled students participating in interscholastic athletics pursuant to W. Va. Code § 18-2-25(d) will be eligible for participation, provided that the student:4.1.b.11.A. complies with the rules promulgated by the WVSSAC;</p> <p>4.1.b.11.B. has demonstrated satisfactory evidence of academic progress for the immediately preceding year and that the students average test results for the immediately preceding year are within or above the fourth stanine in all subject areas; and</p> <p>4.1.b.11.C. is enrolled in at least one virtual instructional course per semester, consistent with the applicable virtual instruction policies of the county in which the homeschooled student lives and the applicable virtual instruction policies of the WVBE. A homeschooled student who fails to receive a C grade or higher at the conclusion of the virtual instruction course or semester, whichever is earliest, shall be ineligible to continue participation and remain ineligible for the following semester.</p> <p>W. Va. Code R. § 126-26-4</p>		
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§127-2-7.1 f 4 Residence-Transfer				
Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
2023-05-28 21:52:19	JASON UNDERWOOD PikeView High School PRINCETON Unite	I miss the days of you growing up in a town looking up to those on the court / field as an elementary kid and developing over time to become the players you watched as a kid. Wearing the same colors, representing the same school, and chasing the records that those players set while you watched them. Those days are slipping away. Before long, you will see people transferring because a coach or admin held them accountable for their actions in the school or on the field / court. Kids that aren't starting will be taught to transfer instead of working harder. One of the most valuable lessons in sports is the lesson of hard work. Some will choose to move rather than outwork someone. You will have parents using the idea of transferring to try to sway administrators to replace coaches. You will see strong programs get stronger and weak ones, get weaker. The age of "travel ball" mentality has already permeated our schools. Parents will move kids from their childhood friends and the people that help mold them without batting an eye for the potential of building a state championship. "Recruiting" has been occurring for years. It has been amped up for the past 6 months or so with the assumption of the passage of legislation to allow it. Kids / parents are being contacted by coaches or supporters of schools and have been for months in preparation of passage of the bill. Students are participating in school activities at schools they aren't enrolled at etc. Both are against WVSSAC guidelines. I don't blame the kids. Everyone wants to be wanted. A	N	Although many agree, this rule has been amended to reflect the changes in W. Va. Code §18-2-25.

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		<p>14-18 yo kid being told how great they are and how much better they would have it at another school etc is happening RIGHT NOW. I blame those not following the rules and choosing to be the new problem rather than someone to mold the minds of our youth in a good way. Those of us following the rules will be left behind while those creatively bending the rules will suddenly find new talent. Its a sad time for high school sports. My school, like all will see a few new students looking for opportunities to play in certain sports while losing some to big promises of greener pastures. Its a new age of high school sports, and we will have to adjust to it. You better be well liked or currently finding ways to win.</p>		
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