



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PSD School Choice Procedures for 8th-Grade Student Athletes

Eighth-grade student athletes who plan to participate in high school athletics at a high school outside of their attendance area must submit a School Choice application to that high school by the second Friday in February of their 8th-grade year (February 9, 2007, for the 2007–2008 school year).

Once athletes begin practice at the high school as 9th graders, they must remain at that high school in order to maintain full varsity eligibility.

If sometime during their high school career student athletes choose to return to their neighborhood high school, they will not be eligible to participate in 50% of varsity competition for the first year they return to their neighborhood school.

For additional information: Contact Sandi Martin, PSD Athletic Coordinator, 490-3106, or e-mail sandim@psdschools.org

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Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Transfer Rule and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CHSAA Transfer Rule

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), "The CHSAA supports school choice in academic pursuits and encourages its student participants to enhance their academic achievement. In concert with this attitude, the Association's philosophy addresses the establishment of a fair playing field for all student athletes."

Effective August 11, 2003, the following CHSAA rules apply to all Poudre School District athletes:

1. A student who transfers from one high school to another high school due to a bona fide move will always have full transfer eligibility. (A bona fide family move is when a family moves from a home in one high school's attendance area to a home in a different high school's attendance area.)
2. A transfer from 8th grade to the first entry into a high school will result in full varsity eligibility.

3. A student who has not participated in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage in a specific sport during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of transfer from one high school to another high school shall have full varsity eligibility at the receiving high school (the "new" high school) in that specific sport at all levels of competition.
4. A student who transfers from one high school to another high school without a bona fide family move will be ineligible for varsity competition during the first 50 percent of the maximum regular season contests allowed in any sport in which the student was a participant during the previous 12 months. The student may practice with the team and play at the sub-varsity level (i.e., junior varsity, "C" team, etc.) during this time. However, the student may not play at the varsity level during this time.
5. Except in the case of a bona fide family move, any student who has participated in a sport(s) at the varsity level and transfers from one high school to another high school after the beginning of the school year does not have varsity eligibility at the receiving high school (the "new" high school).

Frequently Asked Questions About the CHSAA Transfer Rules

1. My family is moving from one high school attendance area into another high school attendance area. How will this affect my sports eligibility?
 - ▶ *If your family makes a bona fide family move into a new high school attendance area during your high school career, you would have full varsity eligibility at the high school within the attendance area of your new address. (A bona fide family move is when a family moves from a home in one high school's attendance area to a home in a different high school's attendance area.)*
2. I am a current 8th grader and am planning to attend a high school other than the high school in my attendance area. How will this affect my sports eligibility?
 - ▶ *If you are a current 8th-grade student athlete and plan to participate in athletics at a high school outside your high school attendance area, you must submit a School Choice application to that high school by the second Friday in February of your 8th-grade year. Once you begin practice at the School Choice high school as a 9th grader, you must remain at that school during your entire high school career in order to maintain full varsity eligibility for your sport(s).*
3. I am a freshman, sophomore, or junior and did not play any sports this past year. I have decided to School Choice into a high school other than the high school in my attendance area. What loss of athletic eligibility will be the result of this action?
 - ▶ *None. Since you did not play any sports during the past year at your former high school, you will not lose any athletic eligibility.*

4. I am a freshman, sophomore, or junior and I have decided to transfer to another high school over the summer. I played volleyball, basketball, and soccer for my current school. What loss of eligibility will be result of my transfer to the new high school?
 - ▶ *You will be ineligible for varsity competition in the first 50 percent of the maximum regular season contests allowed in volleyball, basketball, and soccer. You may practice with each team and play at the sub-varsity level (i.e., junior varsity, "C" team, etc.) during this time, but you may not play at the varsity level during this time.*

5. I participated in cross country, swimming, and track at my former high school. My parents decided to move to a new house in the middle of the school year, and I will be attending a new high school in my new high school attendance area. What athletic penalty will be the result of this bona fide family move?
 - ▶ *None. You will have full varsity eligibility because your family made a bona fide family move into the new high school's attendance area.*

6. I played football at High School A. I played in an interscholastic contest and then decided that I would rather School Choice into High School B. What athletic penalty will be the result of my decision?
 - ▶ *You will be ineligible to play varsity competition in football at High School B for the remainder of the football season. However, you are eligible to practice with the team and play at the sub-varsity level (i.e., junior varsity, "C" team, etc.). In addition, you will be ineligible to play at the varsity level at High School B in any other sport that you played at High School A in the 12 months prior to your changing high schools.*

7. I am a volleyball, basketball, and track athlete at High School A. At the end of the first semester in the middle of basketball season, I decided to transfer to another high school. My family did not make a bona fide family move into the new high school's attendance area. What loss of athletic eligibility will be the result of this action?
 - ▶ *You will not be eligible to play at the varsity level in either basketball or track. Next year, you will not be allowed to participate at the varsity level during the first 50 percent of the season for both volleyball and basketball. However, you will be able to participate at the varsity level in track next year.*

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