

2007-2008 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Handbook



POLICY 16: Criteria for Determining Eligibility of Students Enrolled in Schools with Block Scheduling, Special Schools, Special Programs, Home Education Programs and Charter Schools

D. Charter Schools

1. A student enrolled in a charter school that is not a member of this Association or does not sponsor an interscholastic athletic program in a sport(s) in which the student desires to participate is eligible to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school attendance area policies; or the public school to which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions; provided: (a) the student meets the requirements of the charter school program; (b) the student demonstrates educational progress as required by s. 1006.20(3)(a); (c) the student meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he/she participates; (d) the student meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance that are required of other students participating in interscholastic athletics; and (e) the student must register with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletics as a representative of the school before the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he/she wishes to participate.
2. A student who transfers from a non-member charter school to a traditional public member school or nonpublic member school before or during the first semester of a school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition during the first semester provided the student has the necessary 2.0 cumulative grade point average through the second semester of the previous school year as required by Florida Statutes. The student's academic eligibility for each succeeding semester shall then depend on his/her cumulative grade point average through the conclusion of the previous semester.
3. A student who withdraws from a regular school program – public or nonpublic – to enroll in a charter school that is not a member of this Association and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic competition as a charter school student until he/she has successfully completed one semester in the charter school program. In determining the academic eligibility of a student who withdraws from a regular school program prior to the normal conclusion of the current semester and subsequently enrolls in a charter school, the grades as posted in each subject for that student on the date of his/her withdrawal from the regular school program shall be used.