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TO: Christian County Board of Education Board Members

FROM: Melanie A. Barrett, Director of Pupil Personnel

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RE: Changes in School Assignment AP.21

School of Choice Language was removed from page 1 which referred to grandfathering in 2013-2014.

STUDENTS

Changes in School Assignment/School of Choice Guidelines**REQUEST BY RESIDENT FOR CHANGE IN SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT**

Students living within the District will not be permitted to enroll in a school outside their geographic attendance zone/area if the class in which they would enroll meets or exceeds the maximum class size. If these students are enrolled in a class whose membership increases to exceed the maximum class size, they will be reassigned when class size permits in the school that serves their attendance zone or to another class/school in the District.

When other factors are equal, date of enrollment will determine order of assignment and reassignment.

HOMELESS YOUTH AND FOSTER CHILDREN

Assignment to attendance zones shall be subject to modification when federal law applicable to students placed in foster care or students who are homeless requires that such students be educated in a "school of origin" that differs from the assigned attendance area.

~~SCHOOL OF CHOICE/RECRUITMENT~~

~~Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, discontinue school of "Choice" for middle and high school students, grandfathering students in grades six through twelve (6-12) until they graduate from high school.~~

Coaches

- Coaches are not to visit or call the homes of elementary/middle school student whom they believe are potential athletes. This applies to ALL students, no matter where they live and what their zoned school is for high school. If coaches want to notify student of summer camps or programs, they do this through radio, television, newspaper and announcements or posters in the schools.
- Coaches will not be allowed to visit individual students in elementary/middle schools.
- Coaches may meet in organized meetings with potential athletes from the middle schools. The Principal of the middle school, high school coaches, and athletic directors must be present at the meetings. The meetings are to be informational only.
- Coaches are not to make comments to students about "coming to my school", "playing for my team", "providing transportation", etc., whether it is said in a serious tone or in jest.
- Head coaches are accountable for their assistant coaches.
- If a Principal or athletic director knows of recruitment taking place, s/he is accountable and has the responsibility for notifying the other athletic director. This must be done in writing.
- If there is evidence to support a recruitment violation and this evidence is verified by the athletic director, the Director of Pupil Personnel will be notified and an investigation will take place. Investigating the allegation is not the responsibility of the coach or school officials. The DPP will appoint an independent person to examine the situation. The evidence from the investigation will be given to the DPP. After the DPP reviews the evidence produced by the investigation, and if there is evidence of recruitment, the evidence will be forwarded to the Superintendent.

Changes in School Assignment/School of Choice Guidelines**SCHOOL OF CHOICE/RECRUITMENT****Coaches (continued)**

- The athletic director should meet with all middle school and high school coaches and inform them of the consequences of recruitment violations. Action should not be just a conference or a written reprimand from the Principal. The coach(es) could be suspended from athletic duties (coaching and pay) for a specified period of time.

Student/Parents

- A middle school student who wishes to participate in high school sports/activities out of his/her zoned school must complete an extracurricular form and receive approval from the choice high school Principal and the Director of Pupil Personnel. Forms may be picked up from the Athletic Director.
- The coach/sponsor should refer the student to the office of the Director of Pupil Personnel. The form must be completed and approved before participation (running, lifting weights, practicing, etc.,) in the activity can begin. This form will not serve as the official school of choice form that must be completed second semester of the student's 8th grade year.
- This athletic participation choice form can be completed at any grade level in the middle school once a student determines that s/he wishes to participate in athletics/activities at the high school level. It will not need to be completed each year at the middle school.
- When a middle school student and his/her parents complete an extracurricular choice form, the commitment to a particular school/team has been made. When the form is signed and approved, the student is considered to be an active participant in sports/activities at the selected high school.
- If the middle school student and his/her parents decide to go to another district high school after committing to one school, the student forfeits his/her eligibility for participation in sports/activities during the freshman year in high school. This does not apply if a student has participated in high school activities in his/her zoned school and moves into the other high school zone and chooses to attend his/her zoned school. (Example: Joe attends HMS and HHS is his zoned school. He participates in sports for HHS. Joe's family moves, and he is now zoned to attend CCHS. He decides to attend his zoned school, CCHS. Because Joe has moved, he will not be penalized during his 9th grade year.)
- Parents of other students should not try to influence potential athletes and their parents by talking with them, calling them, or visiting their homes for the sole purpose of having an effect on their decision. The District encourages all parents cooperate with the schools in this endeavor.
- All student athletes must remain in good standing with attendance and discipline and follow all rules in the CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE.
- When the student-athlete is on choice and in the high school, transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- KHSAA does not approve of recruitment. All Kentucky High School Athletic Association rules apply.