

Table 2.1
State Activity Associations' Exceptions to Transfer Rules
for Which a Waiver Is Permissible

Exception	KHSAA	Other States With Specific Waiver
Parents legally divorce	Yes	36
Parents legally separate		32
Student becomes ward of the state	Yes	33
Student's legal custodial guardian changes by court order	Yes	30
Custodial parent changed by court order	Yes	28
Student moves to other parent's house with joint custody	Yes	20
Death of custodial parent(s)	Yes	21
Department of Education redistricting	Yes	25
Athletic program terminated or school closes		17
Previous school did not offer grade levels sufficient to graduate		10
Special needs student requiring services not offered at old school		7
Transfer occurred during grade 9		10
No athletic participation the year before enrolling in new school	Yes	8
Student transfers from nonmember school	Yes	16
Sending and receiving schools agree that transfer is not for athletic purposes		3
Move associated with parents' military reassignment	Yes	3
Student becomes homeless		4
Student is emancipated		14
Student gets married		12
Student participating in mental health program		1
Student participating in substance abuse program		3
Student returning from correctional institution		5
Student returns from military service	Yes	3

Source: Compiled by Program Review staff from state associations' handbooks and KHSAA staff.

Twenty-six states, including Kentucky, allow a waiver when the transfer is due to the department of education's redistricting. Many associations also allow exceptions when a school closes, its athletic program is terminated, or the school can no longer meet the needs of a student.

There are several exceptions allowed by other states that KHSAA does not explicitly mention in its bylaws. For example, 14 states allow emancipated students to transfer without eligibility loss, and 12 states allows newly married students to transfer. Other