



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner  
FROM: Michael J. Barren and Sarah Bridenbaugh  
DATE: November 16, 2015  
RE: Financial Aid Report

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At your direction, we have reviewed the financial aid reports from the schools for the academic year 2014-2015.

We have divided our report into two sections. Part 1 is the Process Review. We are not satisfied with the current process for review of these reports and are not satisfied with the execution of the review and have the following recommendations for improvement in future years:

- This report has always published a June 30 deadline for submission. We will be more aggressive in enforcing that deadline through a series of steps.
- We are currently reviewing the questions asked of the schools and will attempt to clarify some of the confusion that some schools have expressed on certain questions. We will ask the entire executive staff to review the questions to see if some can be eliminated or consolidated without impacting the integrity of the necessary reporting. We will utilize the experience of other staff members much more familiar with the development of this rule to be sure in our attempt to consolidate and clarify, we do not lose the original intent of the report. In many cases, we may need to be more explanatory about the questions and utilize other means (slides, presentations, etc.) to be sure our member schools understand both the rule and the report.
- We will send a PDF version of the final approved list of questions to the schools on April 1<sup>st</sup> so that schools may begin to gather the information necessary for this report.
- The electronic report link will be sent to the Schools on April 15<sup>th</sup>, with a revised requested date for completion of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A reminder email will go to the schools the first week of May.
- After June 1<sup>st</sup>, the two of us will contact any school showing as not completed, to offer assistance in getting that report finished and clarify any missing issues.
- On June 30<sup>th</sup> we will create a report to the Commissioner of any school that has not complied and begin compilation of the report for the Board for presentation in the summer/fall of 2016. Investigations will be scheduled prior to the full reporting.

Part 2 of the report is the actual analysis of the data for 2014-15.

- As of today, there are six schools that have failed to submit the report.
  - Barbourville
  - Bryan Station
  - Greenup County
  - Knox Central
  - Magoffin County
  - Newport

- Based upon the reports received, we have twelve schools that we feel a need to follow up on with an investigation centered on the answers given by those schools (see attached).

<u>School</u>	<u>Red Flags</u>	<u>Questions for School Rep</u>	<u>Who we Interviewed?</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Bethlehem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy lists payment options, and states that students not up to date on their tuition may not be entitled to attend classes, sit for semester or final exams, or participate in school activities. <i>The administration may suspend any part of the delinquent policy depending on the circumstances of the family.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does administration decide who they can suspend?</li> <li>What is the process?</li> </ul>			
Bishop Brossart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>72% of student body are athletes</li> <li>82% of financial aid</li> <li>87% of merit goes to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is the financial aid and merit scholarships not more evenly distributed?</li> </ul>			
Christian Academy-Louisville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibly made error in filling form out: \$9600 for room/board</li> <li>Award determinations are calculated based on the needs assessment from FACTS and <i>any new or significant relevant information that may affect a family's finances.</i></li> <li>No merit aid, but lists an 8th grade scholarship?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was the form filled out incorrectly?</li> <li>Is all information accurate? If so, why is there not a test/process to 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship?</li> </ul>			
Franklin County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>380 athletes out of 905 students are receiving aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions concerning FRAM application</li> </ul>			
Louisville Collegiate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85% of student body are athletes</li> <li>100% of merit aid goes to athletes</li> <li>98% need based financial aid goes to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is the financial aid and merit scholarships not more evenly distributed?</li> </ul>			
Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses MISD Foundation of Excellence?</li> <li>71% merit aid are athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is MISD and how do you decide who gets awards?</li> </ul>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do they not use an approved agency?</li> </ul>			
Notre Dame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98% need based financial aid is awarded to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is need based financial aid not evenly distributed?</li> </ul>			
Oneida Baptist Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists 88 students receive aid</li> <li>• <i>"In house chart"</i> is used to determine amount of aid awarded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask to complete survey further to outline what type of aid</li> <li>• Discuss process using <i>"in house chart"</i></li> </ul>			
Owensboro Catholic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83% need based financial aid are athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is need based financial aid not evenly distributed?</li> </ul>			
Sayre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not give merit aid, but still have students enrolled that do receive merit aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to see if students were grandfathered to a time when aid was given</li> </ul>			
St. Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States 101 athletes receive aid but did not clarify type of aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask to complete further</li> </ul>			
Western Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 students receive aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Franklin Co &amp; Western Hills are under same BOE, why are they reporting different numbers</li> </ul>			