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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

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AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Update Policy 09.313

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

Students 09.313 Eligibility (Athletics)

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Kentucky High School Athletic Association has provided guidance to the KCSD in the past regarding student eligibility questions regarding Open Enrollment and Tuition middle school students participating at the high school level. They have now recommended we address this within our District policies, since we have a unique situation. Currently, one of our middle schools feeds multiple high schools which requires us to establish a policy on where these students can participate in KHSAA sanctioned sports. Open Enrollment students at middle schools who have multiple feeder patterns will have to compete at the high school they are addressed to attend. Tuition students, who are not residents of the KCSD may also participate in KHSAA sanctioned sports, however the District must define the feeder pattern for these students. We are defining it as the school the majority of students are assigned to attend based on home addresses.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve the update to Policy 09.3.3 to require Open Enrollment and Tuition middle school students wishing to participate in high school sports follow the District defined pattern of eligibility.

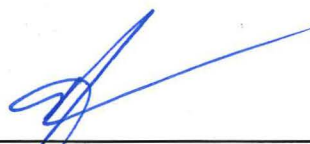
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Principal



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Superintendent

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Eligibility (Athletics)

Determination of athletic eligibility shall be made in compliance with applicable administrative regulations and Kentucky High School Athletic Association requirements.

District standards for playing up from middle school (grades seven and eight [7 & 8]) to high school in sports other than football and soccer may include, but are not limited to, considerations related to safety, physical readiness, use of school space after the school day, transportation, funding, the student's disciplinary status and record, any substance testing restrictions, equitable opportunities for participation. **Open enrollment middle school students, attending a school that feeds multiple high schools, may only participate at the high school they are assigned to attend based on student home address. Tuition middle school students, attending a school that feeds multiple high schools, may only participate at the high school where the majority of students are assigned to attend for the next school year, based on student home addresses. Students who have begun high school competition shall continue at the school where they began competing.**

To be eligible to try out and participate at the high school level, middle school students must meet all applicable KHSAA and District requirements. The Superintendent/Designee in cooperation with principals, SBDM councils, coaches, and athletic directors, as deemed appropriate, have developed the following guidelines for Board approval addressing playing up.

1. The parent/guardian must provide a written request to the head coach of the high school sport/sport activity.
2. The head coach, in consultation with the high school principal/designee, may or may not allow students below the 9th grade to participate on the high school team.
3. The student, at the time of the request, must possess abilities equal to or greater than high school students participating on the team to be selected for the sport/sport activity.
4. If selected for the sport/sport activity team: high school head coach, high school principal/designee, and parent/guardian must all be in agreement playing up is in the best interest of the student.

REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 160.345](#)

[KRS 156.070](#)

[702 KAR 007:065](#); [OAG 15-022](#)

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)

RELATED POLICIES:

02.4241

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

09.423

Adopted/Amended: 8/1/2016

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