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The 'Elephant In The Room'...IHSAA Transfer Rates Rising At A Fast Pace

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The expression “the elephant in the room” is a metaphorical idiom in English for an important or enormous topic, question, or controversial issue that is obvious or that everyone knows about but no one mentions or wants to discuss because it makes at least some of them uncomfortable and is personally, socially, or politically embarrassing, controversial, inflammatory, or dangerous.

(7-6-22) Like any other state association the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) is facing transfers at record numbers this past year. 816 **more** transfers were approved full eligibility as compared to the same time period from the previous year. 93.1% were approved, while 213 were given limited eligibility (6.%) and only 31 (0.09%) were ineligible to compete.

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Foreign exchange student total transfers were up from 170 to 707 cases, with 675 given full eligibility (95.47%)

Report from the **IHSAA Executive Committee**, *Thursday, June 23, 2022, Swan Lake Resort – Plymouth, Indiana*

26) TRANSFERS

Assistant Commissioner Brian Lewis reported on transfers that have been ruled on for the period of June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022, and, for comparison, the numbers from the same period a year ago.

At this point, 99.2% of the transfers are receiving some type of eligibility.

	2021-22	Percent	2020-21	Percent
Full Eligibility	3,298	93.1%	2,617	92.38%
Limited Eligibility	213	6.0%	183	6.46%
Ineligible	31	0.9%	33	1.16%
Total	3,542		2,833	

Foreign Exchange Transfers

	2021-22	Percent	2020-21	Percent
Full Eligibility	675	95.47%	165	97.06%
Limited Eligibility	20	2.83%	4	2.35%
Ineligible	12	1.70%	1	0.59%
Total	707		170	

Transfers by Month

June	197
July	301
August	1,191
September	308
October	197
November	347
December	121
January	210
February	160
March	242
April	185

Foreign Exchange Transfers by Month

June	0
July	14
August	360
September	91
October	40
November	52
December	24
January	20
February	24
March	53
April	25

Last August saw 1,191 transfers take place, by far the most in the past 12 months.

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This executive meeting also approved the following change in transfer rules-

3) PROPOSED EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO IHSAA BY-LAW 19-5.1, TRANSFER OPTIONS WHEN TRANSFER WITH CHANGE OF RESIDENCE BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

Commissioner Paul Neidig and General Counsel Katie Williams-Briles presented the following updated language from last month's meeting.

19-5.1 TRANSFER OPTIONS WHEN TRANSFER WITH CHANGE OF RESIDENCE BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

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When a student's parents(s)/Guardian(s) make a Bona Fide change of residence to a New District or Territory, the student has the following options:

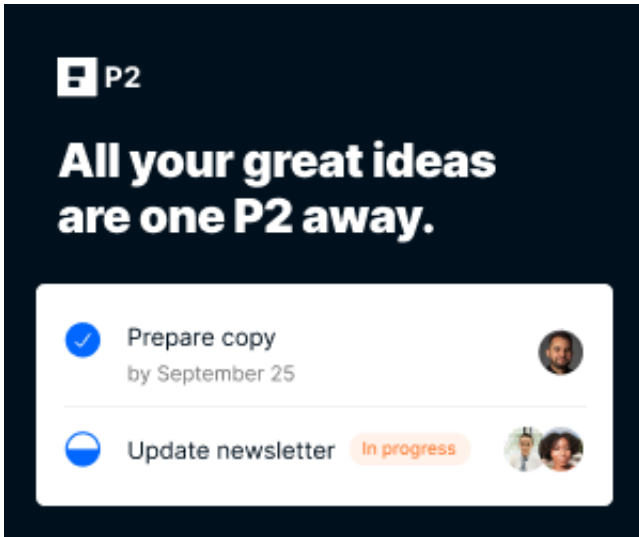
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c. the student may transfer and attempt to obtain ~~Limited Eligibility~~ full eligibility in any Public, Private, ~~or Private School~~, or Charter School which ~~does not serve the student's area of residence~~ is located within a Twenty (20) mile radius of the new residence of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) when the Bona Fide change of residence involved a move of more than Seventy-five (75) miles; ~~or~~ and is the student's first time enrolling in an Indiana school; or

A motion to approve was made by John Steinhilber; seconded by Kye Denney; motion approved 18-0.

No body wants to talk about it...and no one seems to care about them..the **high school transfer portal is in full swing** in many states. The more by-laws are used to curb the transfers the more those who want to find a way around it and usually do.

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