



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Sarah Bridenbaugh, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: July 13, 2023

RE: Financial Aid Report

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For the 2021-22 school year, I have compiled a report with the findings from the Financial Aid Survey. After initial review, I had follow-up questions for twenty-six (26) of our member schools. To date, I have been able to make contact with eighteen (18) of those schools and their school representatives were able to provide additional clarity to dissolve any issues with their submitted survey. I am still awaiting responses from three (3) member schools.

In addition, there are two member schools' surveys that were flagged, but these two schools have been monitored throughout the 2022-23 school year to assist in complying with Bylaw 11.

- Evangel Christian
  - Policy for 2021-22 was not in place, they stated they did not use FACTs in 2021-22 school year. Monitored for compliance throughout 2022-23 and a separate investigation has been conducted on this member school.
- Heritage Christian
  - New KHSAA member school in second year of provisional membership. I have been working with AD on getting FACTS setup and in place before 2022-23 school year. The Athletic Director did confirm on July 5, 2023 that the school has FACTs account and financial aid policies in place for upcoming year.

Finally, there are three (3) member schools who will need additional follow-up:

- Calvary Christian
  - Noted the school will occasionally exceed the amount of FACTs recommendation in extenuating circumstances, due to a sudden loss in income, health issue, etc. Athletic Director Mark Ross did confirm one varsity tennis player was given additional funds.
- Kentucky Country Day
  - Noted that they used a Merit Test not on the list of approved tests. Athletic Director Amy Elliott confirmed that they use EasyCBM test to determine merit aid.
- St. Mary
  - Noted the school will occasionally exceed the amount indicated by FACTs due to other factors such as change or loss in income, medical expenses, elder care, or other comments indicated on the application. Athletic Director Brad Ehlers is working on producing a list of athletes who may have received more than the FACTs recommendation.

I will have a final report for you at the September Board of Control meeting.