

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, December 4, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility – The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The MHSAA is a private, nonprofit corporation, made up of voluntary membership; it is neither a state agency nor a court of law, and is not bound by any particular legal standard of review or burden of proof when applying its Regulations or while administering an internal appeal. The *MHSAA Handbook* may identify which party bears the burden of proof, depending on the particular situation or if a particular Regulation is at issue. The MHSAA staff, its Executive Committee, or its Representative Council, where appropriate, shall determine whether the circumstances in each situation, as presented to the MHSAA, warrant application or waiver of a particular Regulation or Interpretation. To make that determination, the MHSAA considers what a reasonable person given the same information would decide.

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt was made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be vacated.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on “environment,” demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings nor to change schools for athletics, discipline, or family finances. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The agreement the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of an 8th-grade student-athletes in their boys and girls basketball programs for the 2025-26 school year. Tri-Unity Christian High School has 116 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with league support and specific numbers and a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders on Tri-Unity Christian's athletic teams in these two sports. The Executive Committee previously granted 8th-grade eligibility to Tri-Unity Christian.

Detroit-University of Detroit Jesuit and Dearborn-Divine Child High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (JV only) between these schools. University of Detroit Jesuit will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Northview, Grand Rapids-West Catholic and Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of NorthPointe Christian High School to an existing cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,974 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Northview will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Northview and Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,478 students will place the team in Division 2; however, the team had previously opted up and requested to remain in Division 1. Northview will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Suttons Bay and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 153 students will place the team in Division 4, adding one team to the Division. Suttons Bay will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was submitted.

Swartz Creek and Corunna High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,461 students will place the team in Division 2, making no changes to divisional assignments. Swartz Creek will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Wyoming-West Michigan Lutheran, Wyoming-The Potter's House and Grand Rapids-West Michigan Aviation Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of West Michigan Aviation Academy to an existing cooperative program in girls tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 857 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. West Michigan Lutheran will be the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was submitted.

Ann Arbor Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Ann Arbor Christian High School to Ann Arbor-Huron High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student dealt with anxiety and thought a new school was necessary. The student attended Huron until October 3rd, 2025, when he transferred back to Ann Arbor Christian. While at Huron, the student did not participate in athletics. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in JV basketball based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Big Rapids High School from Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student started his 9th-grade year at Big Rapids and played basketball in one game before sustaining a knee injury that forced him to miss the rest of the season. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball after one game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one basketball game.

Breckenridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Ithaca High School before transferring to Breckenridge High School to start the 2025-26 school year. While at Ithaca, the student's mother went through a harassment claim at her job. That legal matter impacted the family and school environment for the student. The student made a smooth transition to Breckenridge, where she has played volleyball and will start playing basketball, two sports she has never competed in previously. The student desired to continue playing softball at Breckenridge, as she did at Ithaca. Significant documentation of the situation was provided on the issue. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in softball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Britton Deerfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Tecumseh High School to Britton Deerfield High School. The student experienced social struggles at the previous school with discriminatory items that were spread around the school community. The student struggled with the situation and desired a new start. Documents of support were received from the former school. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Commerce Township-Walled Lake Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Walled Lake Central High School and attended his 9th-grade year of high school there. The student desired to attend Walled Lake Northern High School because of the significant challenges he faced at Central. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Concord High School from Springport High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student was a victim of an assault by another student at Springport that involved a two-year court case. The family felt that the student could no longer stay at Springport and desired a new school. The student participated in competitive cheer at the former school. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn-Divine Child High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled at Divine Child High School as of November 13, 2025, after attending Ferndale High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student lived in Redford, attended Divine Child and played basketball before moving with his mother to his grandmother's home in Ferndale to care for his sick grandmother. The student struggled at Ferndale and did not participate in athletics, but desired to return to Divine Child. The mother, grandmother, and son have now moved back to his original home in Redford, where Divine Child remains the closest non-public high school to his residence. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Evart High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Evart High School to Farwell High School in the fall of 2024 and then back to Evart at the start of the 2025-26 school year. While at Farwell, the student participated in baseball. The family's home in Farwell had a fire that required them to move in with family and then subsequently be forced to find housing back in Evart. The former school supports the student's eligibility. The new residence allows the student to complete his schooling in Evart, and the school requested a waiver for eligibility in baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who attended Charyl Stockwell Academy for his 9th and 10th-grade years and participated in basketball and track & field. The student did not meet the academic standards and policies of Charyl Stockwell, and he was asked to find a new school. The student and family have lived in Fenton for the past four years, so the choice was made to attend Fenton High School. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball and track & field.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation, including the requirement that the former school sign the Educational Transfer Form when a student moves between divorced parents, was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student at Flint-Powers Catholic High School, who previously attended and competed in basketball at Flushing High School. The family requested immediate eligibility based on the circumstances that existed at Flushing for the student, including the fact that the student's 504 plan was not finalized until after he left the school and the negative impact this had on the student's health. It also included allegations of discrimination by Flushing and due to the student's learning challenges. The Educational Transfer Form does not apply, as the parents are separated but are not divorced. In addition, the former school will not sign the Educational Transfer Form because of the initial Executive Committee denial.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 12th-grade student who transferred back to Carlson High School, where he previously attended, to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Grosse Ile High School after a full and complete residential family move from Gibraltar to Grosse Ile to start the 2024-25 school year where he played basketball. The student transferred to Carlson because he wanted to graduate with his friends and peers. The student has been going to therapy to help deal with the challenge of the move as he experienced high levels of stress and anxiety. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after 10 basketball games.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Forest Hills Northern High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in basketball at Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School as a 9th-grader, where she attended City High School. The student's transfer to Forest Hills Northern is because she moved in with her aunt after her mother had to relocate to Spain to care for her ill father. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in girls basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Grand Rapids Public Schools from Grand Rapids-Northview High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in basketball at Northview. The student is now attending Grand Rapids University Prep High School, a theme-based school in GRPS. While at Northview, the student was subjected to unfounded allegations which have impacted his emotional and social well-being and the student desired a new start. Documentation from the former school and a therapist were provided. New information included an updated letter which documented the stress the student has been under because of this situation. There were also updated letters from therapists and counselors related to the situation. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request to waive the sport-specific transfer rule, specifically the athletic-related transfer or link rule, was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The student attended Godwin Heights High School in the 2024-25 school year and previously as a 9th through 11th-grader. His varsity coach at Godwin Heights for 2024-25 was hired as the new varsity coach at West Catholic High School on April 25th, 2025, and the student transferred officially to the school on September 12, 2025. The student had initially planned to attend a boarding school in New York, but after traveling there in early September, realized that no confirmed housing was available. The family then made the decision to return to West Michigan and the mother and son moved to a new residence in Grand Rapids, where West Catholic is the closest non-public school to their new residence. The MHSAA ruled the student ineligible in basketball at West Catholic for the 2025-26 school year, given the existing link with the coach. The school requested reconsideration by the Executive Committee regarding the link, taking into account the other factors that were present.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School to Grosse Ile High School in early October. The student competed in football and wrestling for Gabriel Richard for his 9th-grade year and in football for his 10th-grade year. The student's mother has been diagnosed with severe medical issued, and the family can no longer afford to send him to Gabriel Richard. The students' parents are divorced, but both live in Grosse Ile, so an Educational Transfer Form would not apply. The student has now transferred to Grosse Ile and would like to wrestle this winter. New information included a summary of the mother's illness and treatment plan and the hardship that she has endured as well as his father's new increased involvement in the student's life. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hastings High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who competed in volleyball, basketball, and track & field in the previous school year at Saginaw-Heritage High School prior to transferring to Hastings High School to live with her grandfather after experiencing abuse. The abuse required the court system to be involved and mandated removal from the home to the grandfather's. A court case will be heard in late January, and the school has supplied the police and court documents related to the case. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hastings High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 10th-grade student who competed in basketball and football the previous school year at DeWitt High School prior to transferring to Hastings High School to live with his grandmother after experiencing challenges. The student's parents agreed to send the student to live with his grandmother in Hastings. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hillsdale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who competed in volleyball, basketball, and softball the previous year at North Adams-Jerome High School. The student transferred to Hillsdale High School to start the 2025-26 school year because of a lack of communication at North Adams and to get a fresh start. The school requested a waiver for immediate subvarsity eligibility in basketball and softball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in football, basketball, and golf the previous two years at Lansing Catholic High School. The student transferred to Howell High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year, where he and his family have always lived, because he needed a fresh start after his friends decided not to come back to Lansing Catholic. His commute from Howell to Lansing became challenging, and late nights of practices and games at Lansing Catholic impacted his experience. Additional information included documented clinical information from a counselor, where the student was diagnosed with adjustment disorder with anxiety. Additionally, a letter from a teacher accompanied the request. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and golf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Adrian High School to Hudson High School on November 12th, 2025. The student participated in football and basketball at Adrian. The student attended Hudson Schools from kindergarten to 7th grade, when his mother accepted a teaching assignment in Adrian. As a result, the student and his siblings all transferred to Adrian Schools, where they lived. The student has struggled with the transition, and now that he can drive, he desired to return to Hudson to be with his peers and childhood friends. Adrian submitted letters of support for this transfer. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball and football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Jackson High School from Vandercook Lake High School in December of 2025. The student played basketball at Vandercook Lake for the 2024-25 school year. On November 17, the student was the victim of an assault at Vandercook Lake. This incident has had a profound impact on the student's emotional well-being and safety at school, and the family determined that a new start was needed. This second request follows a request made by Jackson in August regarding this same student and an unsigned ETF from Vandercook Lake. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to East Kentwood High School from Grand River Prep High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in basketball at Grand River Prep. The student had been living with her mother and is now living with her father. Both addresses are in the Kentwood Public School District so it does not fit the regulation of the one-time move between divorced parents. The parents have submitted documentation that the move was in the best interest of the student given the lack of transportation that existed. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who attended Lapeer High School during their 9th-grade year and participated on the bowling team. The student transferred to the Oxford High School online program for the first semester of the 2025-26 school year before enrolling at Lake Orion High School after the first quarter in order to be a part of a traditional education setting. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in bowling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has transferred from Waverly High School to Sexton High School. While at Waverly, the student experienced harassment from a fellow student that resulted in an investigation being ordered. The family felt that the circumstances around the student's education at Waverly would have made it difficult to continue there and made the decision to transfer to the Capital Area K-12 Online program of the Lansing Public Schools, which is an alternative school of Sexton. The student competed in basketball as a 9th-grader at Waverly. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lawrence High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attends Lawrence High School and competed in basketball as a 9th-grader at Alexander High School in Georgia. The student's father passed away, and he and his mother moved to Georgia before the student returned to the Lawrence area to live with his grandparents and extended family, so that he would have more support. The transfer was out of the student's control and in the best interest for his social and emotional well-being. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who attended Fenton High School for his 9th-grade year and competed in football and basketball. The student had multiple negative interactions with peers at Fenton. These incidents were not addressed by Fenton, according to the family, and the family determined a new start was needed. Additional information included the student's attendance record as well as text messages. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball, given the issues which occurred at the previous school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who attended Flushing High School for her 9th and 10th-grade years and competed in basketball. The student's mother shared a home with a boyfriend, and an investigation was completed because of issues in the home. The student was placed with family friends in the Lake Fenton School District to ensure a safe environment. The mother subsequently moved to Fenton, where the daughter and mother now live. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Dakota High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grader who previously attended Warren-De La Salle High School, where they participated in football and basketball. The student desired a specialized engineering curriculum and academic support not available at either his home school, Anchor Bay High School, or his previous school, De La Salle. The family also took over the care of elderly grandparents and had to move homes. New information included a letter from the parents providing more context to the student's move to Dakota. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in football and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Midland High School from Michigan International Prep, an online school, after living and playing high school ice hockey in Massachusetts for his 9th-grade year. The student's father was stationed in Massachusetts in the US Army, and the family always had a desire to return to live in the Midland area after his deployment was over. The family purchased a home in Saginaw Township, where they currently reside, and cannot refinance their VA loan. Given the family's challenges as a military family and their residency limitations, Midland is asking for eligibility in ice hockey for the 2025-26 school year. New information included a letter with additional details regarding the student's transfer, the family's military deployment, and the fact that the family's deployment prevented the student from attending the school he would have attended as a 9th-grader. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in ice hockey.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Monroe-St. Mary's Catholic Central High School. The student competed in wrestling at St. Mary's Catholic Central and, because of bullying issues at the former school, the student desired a new start. The information provided included letters from the former school and former classmates sharing their perspectives on the issues in addition to a letter from the student's psychologist describing the emotional setback the student faced. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to New Haven High School from L'Anse Creuse North High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. During the student's 9th-grade year, the student started out at St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School. The student competed in basketball at Lake Shore before transferring to L'Anse Creuse North High School. The student's transfer is related to being the primary caregiver for his older autistic brother. The hardship of this responsibility required a new start closer to his family and brother. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven-Merritt Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 12th-grade student who attended Anchor Bay High School for her 9th through 11th-grade years and competed in basketball. The student transferred to Merritt Academy to start the 2025-26 school year after experiencing academic and personal challenges at Anchor Bay. New information included a letter from Anchor Bay. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who reenrolled at Niles High School on November 12, 2025. The student was living with his father and attending South Bend-St. Joseph High School, where he did not participate in any athletics. He was removed from his father's household in Niles and then went to live with his mother in a separate residence in Niles. In 2024-25, while at Niles, the student played basketball. The student is categorized under McKinney-Vento by Niles Public Schools. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball based upon the unique circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation 62d, was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Grand Blanc High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Detroit Catholic Central High School, the Catholic school closest to his residence, but not the closest non-public school, which is Novi Christian High School, after attending Grand Blanc and then moving from Grand Blanc to Novi due to his father's new job. The family is devout in their Catholic faith and seek the same for their son in the new school. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at St. Mary's Preparatory High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Brother Rice High School in his 9th-grade year. The student competed in basketball at Brother Rice on the JV team. The student went through bullying and trauma associated with emotional, mental, and physical bullying. Police reports, text messages, and school documentation were provided. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball based on these issues.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level.

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Marshall High School to Parma-Western High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. While at Marshall, the student played basketball. The student transferred because of mistreatment and exclusion from the Marshall coaching staff, which resulted in stress and two heart-related episodes during the winter season at Marshall. The student finished the season and played summer basketball at Marshall but determined that a transfer to a new school was important for a new start. New information included a summary letter from the parents about why the move is not athletically motivated and why a new start was needed. Also included was a comparison of another school and why the family chose to go to Western instead. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in girls basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Paw Paw High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Paw Paw High School from Mattawan High School at the end of the 2024-25 school year. While at Mattawan, the student competed in wrestling. The family's decision to change schools was centered on bullying that the student experienced, up to and including threats of physical harm to the student. The family filed a police report, and the student concluded his academic year online to address the situation. New documentation included an email from the former school indicating the transfer was not athletically motivated, as well as the police report describing the threats. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Petoskey-St. Michael High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student at Petoskey-St. Michael High School. The student attended Alanson High School for his high school career, but challenges at Alanson impacted the student and family. The family determined that a new start away from Alanson was necessary. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Potterville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Potterville High School from Mason High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced health challenges while at Mason, and the family felt a smaller district would help. While at Mason, the student played four games on the 9th-grade basketball team before quitting because of his health challenges. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball after sitting out the first four basketball games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four basketball games.

Rockford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Rockford High School from Eau Claire High School in Wisconsin for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student moved to Rockford with her father to live with her paternal grandparents. The student's parents are going through a divorce that is not finalized yet and the mother remains in Wisconsin. The student participated in girls wrestling at the former school. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in girls wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Romeo High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School at the end of the 2024-25 school year. While at Stoney Creek, the student competed in JV basketball. The family's decision to change schools centered on the parents' separation and a negative experience in the basketball program. The student moved with his mother to the Romeo community because of the separation. The negative issues had a significant impact on the students' mental health, academic performance, and overall school experience. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in boys basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Saginaw United High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Bridgeport High School and also competed in basketball during the 2024-25 school year. The student moved to Saginaw to live with his grandparents and now attends Saginaw United High School. The student made the move to live with his grandparents to provide assistance with ongoing health concerns affecting his grandfather. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Milan High School to Saline High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student and his family left Milan because of a situation where the mother and the student's siblings left the father and moved in with the mother's sister in the Saline Area School District. The family is considered to be homeless under McKinney-Vento, as they are living without resources and sleeping arrangements. Although this move is temporary, it was necessary, and they are now seeking permanent housing in Saline. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to South Lake High School from Warren Woods-Tower High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in basketball at Warren Woods-Tower in 2024-25. He experienced bullying from peers, and the family determined that a new start was needed. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility for the student in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to South Lake High School from Warren-Cousino High School for the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student participated in basketball at Cousino in 2024-25. The family determined that a new start was needed. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility for the student in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Helen-Charlton Heston Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who participated in boys basketball previously at Houghton Lake High School during the 2024-25 school year and played in one game before quitting the team. The student transferred back to Charlton Heston Academy, where he attended for the majority of his childhood up until 8th grade. The student left Charlton Heston Academy because of issues with a staff member at Charlton Heston Academy. The family determined that a new school was needed to address the situation. They now believe coming back to be with his peers and classmates, whom he grew up with, will help the student. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in subvarsity boys basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 11th-grade student who attended Sterling Heights High School until transferring at the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Stevenson High School because of bullying and harassing behavior that occurred while at Sterling Heights. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request to waive the sport-specific transfer rule, specifically the athletic-related transfer or link rule. The student attended L'Anse Creuse High School in the 2024-25 school year as a 9th-grader, where the student made the varsity team. His varsity coach at L'Anse Creuse was hired in June as the new varsity coach at Utica Ford II High School, and the student transferred on September 26th. The family made the move to Utica Ford because the student was involved in a physical altercation on the first day of school and was suspended. The student's mother felt a new start was needed, and the assault, repeated bullying, and harassment were too much for the student to stay at L'Anse Creuse. The MHSAA ruled the student ineligible in basketball at Henry Ford II for the 2025-26 school year, given the existing link. The school requested reconsideration by the Executive Committee regarding the link, taking into account the other factors that were present.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 9th-grade student who competed at Elk Rapids High School in two soccer games in the 2025-26 school year at the JV level. The student transferred to Traverse City Central High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year, after he played two games at Elk Rapids. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in soccer after two games in the 2026-27 school year, the same number of contests he competed in last season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two soccer games.

Vermontville-Maple Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student that transferred back to Maple Valley High School after attending Lakewood High School for the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student did not play basketball at Maple Valley but did play in two 9th-grade basketball games and one JV game while at Lakewood. The student missed his friends and classmates at Maple Valley, and the family determined moving back there would be in his best interest and he desires to play basketball. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball after the student sits the first three games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three basketball games.

Walled Lake Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 10th-grade student who enrolled at Walled Lake Northern High School and attended her 9th-grade year of high school there. The student desired to go to Walled Lake Central High School because of challenges she faced at Central, including that her father is a teacher there and his presence became an issue for the student. Additionally, the student faced bullying from a group of peers both in person and via social media. The former school submitted its approval of this in-district change of schools, and the school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in softball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Walled Lake Western High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School in his 9th-grade year, then attended Detroit Catholic Central for his 10th-grade year. The student competed in basketball at both schools. The student's parents have now gone through a separation, and the student is living with his mother in the Walled Lake Western attendance area and desires to play basketball. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball based on parental separation, change of residence, and enrollment at the public school of residence.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Brother Rice High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Brother Rice during his first three years of high school, where he competed in basketball. The student enrolled at Divine Child High School for the 2025-26 school year but was denied enrollment based on capacity issues just prior to the school year starting. The student then determined that he would transfer to West Bloomfield High School, where his mother's residence was located. The student's father lives in Detroit, and the divorce was finalized in March of 2023. The school requested a waiver for eligibility in basketball based upon the move between divorced parents, and with an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Wyoming-Potter's House Christian High School during the 2024-25 school year and played basketball. The student made the transfer, for reasons unrelated to athletics, but because of academic, social, and financial factors. At the start of the 2025-26 school year, the student enrolled at Wyoming High School. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Wyoming High School during the 2024-25 school year and played golf. The student transferred to West Michigan Aviation Academy for the start of the 2025-26 school year, as he had been accepted after being on the waitlist for over a year. The student did not have a positive experience at WMAA for the first two months of school and transferred back to Wyoming on November 10, 2025. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in golf.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who played basketball while a 9th and 10th-grade student at Caledonia High School. The transfer to Kelloggsville High School was made because of her brother's documented speech disability and bullying which occurred for the student due to this issue. The family made the decision to enroll both students at Kelloggsville. The school requested a waiver for immediate eligibility in girls basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Next Meeting(s) – Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, February 12 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Audit & Finance Committee follows); Thursday, March 19 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, April 8 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Audit & Finance Committee follows) ; Friday, May 1 at 9 a.m.; Thursday, June 11 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Monday, August 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, August 19 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, September 9 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, October 1 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, November 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual.