

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, October 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

John Thompson, Brighton
Sean Jacques, Calumet
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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.

Ontonagon High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D), to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Ontonagon High School will have 69 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 7th graders in all sports at Ontonagon. League support from the Copper Mountain Conference was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Stephenson High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1 (D), to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Stephenson High School has 116 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders at Stephenson in all sports. League support is pending.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D) to allow the use of an 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs for the 2026-27 school year. Tri-Unity Christian High School has 115 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers and a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders on Tri-Unity Christian's teams. The Executive Committee has previously granted 8th-grade eligibility to Tri-Unity Christian. League support is pending.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Allendale and Coopersville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,605 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Allendale will be the primary school. Support from the River Cities Alliance was submitted.

Bloomfield Hills-Roeper and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 190 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from that division. Roeper will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Colon and Mendon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 299 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Colon will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was received.

Flint-Powers Catholic and Lansing Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 956 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. Powers Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the Southeast Michigan Ski League was submitted.

Grandville-Calvin Christian and Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 380 students will place the team in Division 3. Calvin Christian will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Northville, Canton-Salem and Canton-Plymouth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Northville to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (JV only) between these schools Northville will be the primary school. Support from Kensington Lakes Athletic Conference.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request was made to waive the maximum enrollment and maximum competition rules of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who will be in his 9th semester of athletic eligibility to start the 2026-27 school year. The student had to take a full year off while dealing with family challenges, which caused significant attendance and academic issues. Comstock requested immediate eligibility for the student based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Croswell-Lexington High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made to clarify and interpret the previous academic credit record on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who did not successfully pass 66% of a full credit load potential in the spring semester of 2026 at Pioneer High School, an alternative school in the Croswell-Lexington District. The student completed coursework after July 1st and was given credit for those classes on his fall of 2026 summer transcript, rather than on his previous semester's credit record. The student was deemed ineligible by the school because he did not pass at least 66% of his full-credit load, in accordance with their process and academic requirements. Croswell-Lexington requested an interpretation of the previous semester's credit record regulation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, recognizing that this determination is a local school matter.

Gobles High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made to waive the previous academic credit record on behalf of a 12th-grade student who, due to health issues, was not able to complete a satisfactory second semester of the 2025-26 school year at Bloomingdale High School. The student struggled with attendance issues and was dropped from Bloomingdale because of excessive absences. The student missed enough classes that he did not have enough credits in his previous academic semester. The student then re-enrolled at Gobles High School, where he previously attended, and now has his condition under control. Gobles requested immediate eligibility in football given the student's issues and situation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Addison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Addison High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in football, basketball and wrestling during the 2025-26 school year at East Jackson High School. The student moved with his mother into the North Adams attendance area due to significant instability in the family's housing and living situation. The student attended therapy and then experienced the loss of other family members and housing during his 9th-grade year. New information included letters of support from East Jackson and significant documentation about the father's situation. Addison requested immediate eligibility in football, basketball and wrestling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation, specifically interpretation #62, for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Manchester High School to start the 2026-27 school year at Lenawee Christian High School. During the 2025-26 school year, the student participated in subvarsity soccer and baseball at Manchester. The student and family moved within the Manchester School District and determined that a new start at a nonpublic school was needed. Lenawee Christian is the closest nonpublic school to the family's new residence in Manchester. Lenawee Christian requested immediate eligibility in baseball.

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

Allen Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the sport-specific transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School to Allen Park High School for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. The student faced challenges at Gabriel Richard, worsened by the student's challenges with his health which required medical support. Allen Park requested immediate eligibility in football and wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation, specifically interpretation #61 (school of residence in a multi-high school district), on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Seaholm High School from University Liggett High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The family lived in Grosse Pointe but moved back to Birmingham, where they previously lived, and into the Groves High School attendance area. The student and family determined that Seaholm was the right fit for the student's social and emotional well-being. Previously in Birmingham, the student attended the district-wide magnet school from grades 3-8, where many of his classmates attended Seaholm, and he would like to continue those friendships and connections to ease the transition. The former school, as well as Groves, strongly support the change of schools and athletic eligibility. Seaholm requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Blissfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who attended Adrian High School for his first two years of high school and competed in basketball and track & field. The student transferred to Blissfield High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year to gain a fresh start after struggling with social challenges. Blissfield requested immediate eligibility in basketball and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Marian High School during the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year. The student transferred to Marian after attending Flint-Powers Catholic High School for the first 2 ½ years of high school where the student participated in volleyball and lacrosse. The student transferred after experiencing academic struggles at Powers and a lack of school support which resulted in poor academic performance and the family felt a new start was needed. Since the move to Marian, the student has improved and the school is a better educational fit. Documentation from the family and letters of support were also provided to support their choice school. New information included a letter from a medical professional describing the challenges the student faced and how the move has helped her. Marian requested eligibility for girls volleyball and girls lacrosse for the fall of 2026.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Calumet-Copper Island Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request was made to waive the sport-specific transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Painesdale-Jeffers High School to Copper Island Academy for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. The student faced challenges, including mistreatment by peers, while at Jeffers. Copper Island requested immediate eligibility in girls volleyball, if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A previously tabled request considered based on the transfer regulation for siblings in 10th and 12th grades who previously participated in girls basketball for the 10th grader and in football, wrestling, and track & field for the 12th grader at Tecumseh High School. The students transferred to Clinton High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year to leave a challenging situation and have a fresh start at a new school. Both students experienced challenges at Tecumseh. Clinton requested immediate eligibility in all sports for both students.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Coldwater High School after attending Hillsdale Academy as a 9th-grade student, where she participated in girls basketball during the 2025-26 school year. The student wished to play on the boys soccer team at Hillsdale Academy, but there is not a girls soccer program there. The student has always lived in Coldwater, where her brother also attended and graduated, and she now desires to return to Coldwater to attend and compete. Coldwater requested immediate eligibility in girls basketball for the 2026-27 school year, and if that can't be granted, subvarsity eligibility.

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

Davison High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – A request was made to waive the links rule for a 10th-grade student who competed in football the previous year at Grand Blanc High School. The student transferred to Davison High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year after he had begun practicing football at Grand Blanc over the summer and in the first two days of the season. The student and his mother were notified of a residency issue with Grand Blanc and decided to go to Davison after realizing they could not establish residency there. A former Grand Blanc football coach is now coaching at Davison, which has clearly established a link for the student. Davison requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from University Prep High School to Detroit Central High School to begin the 2026-27 school year. The student and mother moved from their shared home with the student's father in one Detroit residence to another in the Central attendance area. The move was not a "full and complete" move, as the father did not move to the new residence. The former residence was in foreclosure, and the mother decided to separate from her husband to establish a new home. The student's mother is also undergoing financial hardship and is unable to proceed with the divorce. Additionally, the student has dealt with some health challenges and needed a fresh start. Detroit Central requested immediate eligibility for football and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Detroit-Cass Technical High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Cass Technical High School from Redford-Thurston High School. The student attended Thurston for his 9th- and 10th-grade years and participated in football, golf, and track & field. The student and his family determined that a new start was needed following a move from one Detroit residence to another. The student attended SOAR Academic Institute, an alternative high school where students are eligible to participate in athletics at Thurston. By rule, the student is not eligible at Cass Tech due to this move, as it is within the same school attendance area. Cass Tech requested immediate eligibility in football, given the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Catholic High School to East Lansing High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student has attended Lansing Catholic since his 9th-grade year and has competed in swimming & diving. The student and family determined that a new start was necessary at his home public high school district because of concerns about the previous school. East Lansing requested eligibility in swimming & diving for the 2026-27 school year on behalf of the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who started the school year at Fenton High School during the 2026-27 school year and played girls golf. The student competed in two matches for the JV girls golf team at Fenton. The student then transferred to Powers Catholic High School. Powers requested eligibility in JV girls golf for the 2026-27 school year, after she sits out the same number of matches she played at Fenton this fall.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two golf matches.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School to Carlson High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student has sat out the football season at Carlson. Carlson requested subvarsity eligibility in basketball and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive exception #12 (18-year-old with a signed Educational Transfer Form) for a student who transferred from St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School to Chandler Park Academy. The 12th-grade student attended Lake Shore for his first three years of high school. The student started the 2026-27 school year by moving to Chandler Park and requested use of the ETF to retain athletic eligibility. Lake Shore determined that the transfer was motivated by athletics. Chandler Park provided evidence of academic challenges and the student working to improve his academic standing as reasons for the transfer. The student has competed in three football games at Chandler Park in the 2026-27 school year. Chandler Park requested a waiver of the requirement that both schools sign the ETF, given this evidence, and requested immediate athletic eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in baseball for De La Salle High School during the 2025-26 school year before the student enrolled at L'Anse Creuse High School, where he was a student in elementary and middle school. The student struggled with bullying both in school and within the baseball team. The family, administration, and baseball coaching staff worked to correct the issues. The previous school supports athletic eligibility, with letters from the AD and the baseball coach. The Executive Committee granted immediate subvarsity eligibility in baseball at L'Anse Creuse for the 2026-27 school year at their September 2026 meeting. L'Anse Creuse has submitted additional evidence, including a letter from the student, and requested full eligibility in baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hillsdale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Jackson High School to Hillsdale High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student moved into his grandmother's home in Hillsdale. The student has been living with friends and teammates. The student was living with a friend who passed away, and he had to move in with his grandmother. Additionally, his father is incarcerated. The student is considered homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act and Hillsdale High School. Hillsdale requested immediate eligibility in football based upon the circumstances surrounding the move.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a reclassified 9th-grade student who attended Zeeland East High School as a 9th grader and competed in basketball. The student battled bullying and harassment that Zeeland East administration and coaching staff worked with the family on throughout the school year, before the family ultimately made the choice to change schools for a fresh start. At the same time, the student was reclassified as a 9th grader, and the family understands that he has 6 semesters of athletic eligibility remaining despite this change. The family determined that moving him to Unity Christian High School would help him in his recovery. Unity Christian requested immediate eligibility in basketball, and if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

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

Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who is transferring to Kalamazoo Central High School from Kalamazoo-Phoenix High School. The student has struggled with depression which has put a strain on his health. The family determined that a new school environment was needed. The student previously attended Kalamazoo Central as a 9th grader before his transfer to Phoenix, where he participated in basketball. New information included letters from the student describing his mental health challenges, and the former school principal who supports the transfer of the student. Kalamazoo Central requested eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Bangor High School to Comstock High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student moved into his aunt's home in Comstock after his mother unexpectedly moved to Ohio. The student participated in boys soccer, boys basketball, and track & field at Bangor and the former school also supports the student's athletic eligibility. Comstock requested immediate eligibility for the student based upon the circumstances surrounding the move.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Sexton High School from Lansing-Waverly High School for the 2026-27 school year. The student and family felt there was a significant change in behavior following a basketball practice that caused concerns about the student's mental health. This created a climate where the family felt a fresh start was needed. Additionally, the student previously attended Lansing Public Schools from K through 6th-grade and felt that coming back was important. The student did not transfer to Sexton for more playing time, but felt that Sexton offers a better academic and social fit. Sexton requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Orchard View High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in football in the previous year at Ravenna High School. The student started the 2026-27 school year at Muskegon Orchard View High School due to transportation issues. The family lives in Orchard View, but they had their children attend Ravenna until the older sibling graduated. New information included a letter from Ravenna. Orchard View requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Utica-Ford II High School during his 9th-grade year and played basketball. The student transferred to New Haven High School to start the 2026-27 school year after experiencing personal challenges, including a decline in his health, which led to chronic absences at Utica-Ford. The transfer was needed to help get a fresh start. Medical documentation was provided by his doctor, indicating that the student had challenges that caused the absences and that this is now under care and control. New Haven requested immediate eligibility in basketball, and if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in the 2026-27 season.

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

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who attended New Haven-Merritt Academy during his 9th- and 10th-grade years and played basketball. The student transferred to New Haven High School to start the 2026-27 school year after experiencing concerns about his safety while at Merritt Academy. While the school investigated the threats and found them not credible, the mother felt a new start was needed. New Haven requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at North Muskegon High School, who previously participated in football and basketball at Muskegon High School. The student is re-enrolling at North Muskegon, where he attended from kindergarten through 8th-grade. The student and his family desired to return to his original school for his mental well-being after being away from his friends, peers, and family. New information included a letter from a therapist and a more detailed narrative of the family's decision to have the student come back to North Muskegon. North Muskegon requested immediate eligibility in football and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Section 9(D), or athletically motivated transfer. St. Mary's Preparatory High School requested that the full and complete residential move from Avondale High School to Orchard Lake, where St. Mary's Prep is the closest nonpublic school, was made in the student's best interests. Avondale has alleged, confirmed by the MHSAA Executive Director, that the move was made for athletic reasons. The school and family have provided evidence that the move was made in the student's best interest, including finding an appropriate educational environment, and was based upon documented issues. Additionally, the student has made prior attempts to enroll at St. Mary's since his 9th-grade year in 2024, and not just this past summer when he enrolled as an 11th grader. New information included a more thorough discussion with both member school's leadership on the student's transfer. St. Mary's requested immediate eligibility to compete in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in softball the previous year at Hanover-Horton High School. The student transferred to Hanover-Horton for her 9th-grade year because of issues surrounding her mother's illness. This illness, hospitalization, and recovery took a toll on the family and led to the transfer. The mother has now recovered from the illness, and the student desired to return to the district of the middle school she attended. Western requested immediate eligibility in softball, if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

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

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Gull Lake High School to Portage Central High School to start the 2026-27 school year. During the student's 9th-grade year, the student attended Portage Northern High School, where he played 9th-grade football, before transferring to Gull Lake at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. He then moved to Portage to live with his grandmother, who has custody. The family desired a change for his safety and academic concerns. Portage Central requested immediate eligibility in football and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Portage Northern High School to Carmel High School to start the 2026-27 school year in August of 2026. The student re-enrolled at Portage Northern on September 7, 2026, after two weeks. The student initially went to Indiana due to his father's job change. The student desired to return to Portage to live with his mother and attend Portage Northern, where he had attended previously. The student did not participate in any tennis matches while at Carmel. Portage Northern requested immediate eligibility in tennis for the 2026-27 school year, where he previously attended.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Potterville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation, specifically interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in basketball and baseball at Portland-St. Patrick High School during the 2025-26 school year. The student and family were living in Holt with their grandfather, who passed away, necessitating a move to a new home in Marshall, where he now lives with his father and stepmother. The student's parents are divorced, and his mother lives in Eagle, which is in the Portland School District. The family desired to have the student attend Potterville, where his sister already attends. Potterville requested eligibility in football and baseball for the 2026-27 season with an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

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

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is transferring to Richmond High School from Memphis High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced a series of incidents that impacted his health. While the school worked to help the student, the student and family determined that a fresh start was necessary. The former school submitted letters of support from coaches, former administrators and a narrative from the family describing the internal family dynamics that are also impacting this student and his transition from Memphis to Richmond, including a home in both Richmond and Memphis between his mother and father. Richmond requested immediate eligibility in soccer and baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw United High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to interpret a residency change was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended and played football and basketball at Saginaw Heritage High School as a 9th-11th-grade student and attended there since he was in kindergarten. The student transferred to Saginaw United High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year for his 12th-grade year. The student was living in the Heritage attendance area with his father, but the family reestablished their household together and moved into a residence within the Saginaw United attendance area, where his mother has lived continuously since 2007. MHSAA staff ruled the student ineligible. Saginaw United provided information and documentation regarding the student's transfer and requested immediate eligibility in football and basketball for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver once residency has been confirmed by Saginaw United High School.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who transferred to Utica Eisenhower High School from Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School. The student had been the subject of a law-enforcement investigation into the student's treatment. This caused the student distress, and he desired a fresh start at a new school. The student played hockey at De La Salle. Utica Eisenhower requested immediate eligibility in hockey.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Traverse City-St. Francis High School to Traverse City Christian High School on February 23, 2026. The student attended St. Francis as a 9th grader and played basketball. The student experienced ongoing issues at St. Francis that impacted his well-being and sense of belonging. A fresh start was needed, and the parents decided to enroll their child at Traverse City Christian. New information included a detailed letter of support from the former school and letters from his doctor and therapist. Traverse City Christian requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Vicksburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Vicksburg High School from Hackett Catholic Prep High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. This student faced a documented incident involving the program's head baseball coach, who has since stepped away from the program. The student and family felt the incident had harmed the student and that he needed a fresh start at Vicksburg. The former school provided documentation, including letters regarding the incident and investigation. In addition, a letter from a counselor was presented. Vicksburg requested immediate athletic eligibility for the student in baseball, and if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in baseball for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Belleville High School to Wayne Memorial High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Belleville, the student competed in volleyball and soccer. The student struggled with social challenges at Belleville. Medical documentation and a letter from the former school's counselor were also provided. Wayne Memorial requested eligibility in volleyball and soccer based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Stockbridge High School to Webberville High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student competed in basketball and track & field at Stockbridge. While at Stockbridge, the student was the victim of bullying and harassment. With the school's support, the student tried to alleviate this by switching to online schooling for the second semester at Stockbridge, to no avail. The family believed the student's transfer would help their recovery, and a new start was desired. Stockbridge has also submitted information regarding the transfer and fully supports the transfer and immediate eligibility. Webberville requested immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Detroit-Frederick Douglass Academy to West Bloomfield High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student's transfer back to West Bloomfield is driven by a combination of documented academic necessity, to fulfill a newly finalized IEP, and hardship on the family because of the move. Frederick Douglass cannot properly implement his new IEP, which is why he needs to return to West Bloomfield. While at Frederick Douglass, the student competed in cross country and basketball. New information included a clarification of the facts from the parent perspective, including why the student transferred from Frederick Douglass. West Bloomfield requested immediate eligibility in both cross country and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who transferred from Westland-John Glenn High School to West Bloomfield High School during the first semester of the 2026-27 school year. The student struggled with inadequate family housing and the death of several family members who were caretakers for him, including his grandfather, grandmother, and mother. The student is now living with his stepmother, who lives in the West Bloomfield District and is working to stabilize his life. West Bloomfield requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Lee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has transferred from Grand Rapids-West Michigan Lutheran High School for the 2026-27 school year. The student was living with his mother, but due to a custody dispute, he moved back to his father's home, which is within the Lee High School attendance area. The student previously used the Educational Transfer Form to gain eligibility at West Michigan Lutheran. Lee requested a waiver of this requirement, given that custody has changed to the father. The student played basketball at West Michigan Lutheran during his 9th and 10th-grade years. Lee requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No further transfer exceptions can be used by this student.

Eau Claire and Sodus-River Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls basketball, competitive cheer, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field, girls volleyball and boys and girls wrestling (6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grades combined) and 8-player football (7th-, and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Eau Claire will be the primary school.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation V, Section 4[B]) – A request was made to waive the violation of Regulation V, Section 4B, use of an ineligible 11th-grade student, and the self-reported participation of this student, who did not make a full and complete move into the Montabella attendance area prior to his participation in Montabella High School's September 4th football game. The school self-reported the violation to the MHSAA after discovering the error and is asking the Executive Committee for relief of the penalty of forfeiture. Documentation included letters from the student's family, transfer documentation, and numerous letters from the Montabella community in support of the waiver.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Next Meeting(s) – November 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, February 4, 2027 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Audit & Finance Committee follows).