

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, June 15, 2022

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Nicole Carter, Novi
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
Brad Bush, Chelsea

Staff Members Present:

Cody Inglis
Mark Uyl (Recorder)

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 is 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. 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.

Cooperative Program Renewals (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – Pursuant to instructions revised by the Representative Council in December 2006, the MHSAA staff identifies Cooperative Team Renewal Forms that require Executive Committee review, including those involving Class A or B schools or three or more schools of any size which indicate large numbers of students trying out or being cut, or have a significant win/loss record. Agreements include conference approvals. The Executive Committee approved the following programs:

- a. Auburn-Bay City Western and Bay City Central in ice hockey.
- b. Jenison, Allendale and Zeeland West in ice hockey.

Alma and Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment will be 692 students and will keep one team in the Division 3 tournament. Alma sponsors the sport and will be the primary school. Support from the Southwest and Central Swim Conference was submitted.

Bangor and Covert High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (varsity and JV) between these two schools whose combined enrollment will be 449 students and will not impact the 8-player tournament because the enrollment will be too large. The schools hope to build enough interest at the junior high and high school levels so they may sponsor their own 11-player teams within the next two years. Bangor will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was submitted.

Boyne Falls and Boyne City-Concord Academy Boyne High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls softball (varsity only) to a cooperative program that exists between these schools in baseball, basketball and cross country. The combined enrollment will be 92 students. Boyne Falls will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Davison, Flushing, Goodrich and Swartz Creek High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity and JV) between these four schools whose combined enrollment will be 4,977 students. Flushing, Goodrich and Swartz Creek were in a cooperative program whose participation numbers were dropping, so Davison will join that program and will be the primary school. Support from the Saginaw Valley League was submitted.

Detroit-Mumford and Detroit-The School at Marygrove (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools of the same district in baseball, boys and girls cross country, girls softball, boys and girls swimming & diving and wrestling (varsity and JV). The schools have previously been in cooperative programs in all sports at the subvarsity level only. The combined enrollment for 2022-23 will be 1,122 students. This agreement in excess of 1,000 students is permitted for four school years under the provision for schools of the same district to form agreements when there has been a demonstrated history of low participation, and the program may not exist beyond four school years. Divisions will change from 2 to 1 in baseball, softball and boys and girls cross country. Boys swimming will change from Division 3 to 2, and a new team will be added to Division 2 in girls swimming. A letter was submitted with participation numbers.

Detroit-Mumford and Detroit-The School at Marygrove (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – Application was made for a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in boys and girls basketball, football, boys and girls track & field and girls volleyball (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment for 2022-23 will be 1,122 students and this request was to waive the 1,000-student limit as well as for sports that are sponsored by more than 250 schools. If approved, teams would move from Division 2 to Division 1 in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track & field and girls volleyball. One team would remain in Division 3 in football.

The Executive Committee approved these cooperative programs for the 2022-23 school year only.

Ecorse and Redford-Westfield Preparatory High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a subvarsity-only cooperative program in football between these two member schools. The combined enrollment will be 1,040 students. Ecorse will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Metro Athletic Conference was submitted.

Fenton, Linden-Lake Fenton and Linden High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Lake Fenton to a cooperative program between the other two schools of the same district in ice hockey (varsity only). The combined enrollment will be 2,679 students, and Fenton will continue as the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Houghton, Chassell, Dollar Bay, Hancock, Lake Linden-Hubbell and Painesdale-Jeffers High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming (varsity only) between these six schools, as well as the addition of Dollar Bay to a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing (varsity only) that currently exists between the other five schools. The combined enrollment of 1,161 students will keep one team in the UP Swimming & Diving Tournament and keep one team in Division 2 of the boys and girls skiing tournaments. Support from future opponents was submitted.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – These schools of the same district would like to renew their cooperative programs in boys and girls skiing and boys and girls lacrosse. The combined 2022-23 enrollment of 3,566 students requires Executive Committee approval in these sports. Loy Norrix is the primary school for skiing; Kalamazoo Central is the primary school for lacrosse. There must be a demonstrated history of insufficient numbers of participants in order for the cooperative programs to continue. Letters were submitted for both sports as well as support from the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference.

The Executive Committee approved the renewal of these programs for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Lansing-Eastern and Lansing-Sexton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in girls soccer (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment of 1,576 students will place this team in Division 1 of the tournament. Eastern will be the primary school. This agreement in excess of 1,000 students will be permitted for four school years under the provision for schools of the same district to form agreements when there has been a demonstrated history of low participation and the program may not exist beyond four school years. A history of insufficient numbers was submitted, along with support from the Capital Area Activities Conference.

Lansing-Sexton and Lansing-Everett High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in girls tennis (varsity and JV). Both schools sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment of 1,904 students will move one team from each of Divisions 2 and 3 and add a team to the Division 1 tournament. Sexton will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Lapeer, Almont, Imlay City, North Branch and Otisville-Lakeville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Imlay City to a cooperative program that exists between the other four schools in ice hockey (varsity only). The combined enrollment will be 3,681 students. Lapeer will continue as the primary school. Support from the Saginaw Valley League was submitted.

Muskegon-Mona Shores, Fruitport-Calvary Christian, Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer, Muskegon Catholic Central, Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Fruitport-Calvary Christian to the cooperative program that currently exists between the other five schools in girls swimming & diving (varsity only). Mona Shores will continue as the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,183 students will keep one team in the Division 1 tournament. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer, Fruitport, Montague, Muskegon Catholic Central, North Muskegon and Whitehall High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Fruitport to a cooperative program that exists between the other five schools in ice hockey (varsity only). The combined enrollment will be 3,447 students, and Reeths-Puffer will remain the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Oxford, Auburn Hills-Avondale, Ortonville-Brandon and Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these four schools in ice hockey (varsity only) whose combined enrollment will be 4,746 students. Oxford will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Port Huron, Marine City, Memphis, St. Clair and Yale High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these five schools in ice hockey (varsity only). The combined enrollment will be 3,249 students. Port Huron will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Saginaw-Arthur Hill, Saginaw and Saginaw Arts and Sciences High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – These schools of the same district would like to renew their cooperative programs in boys and girls bowling, boys and girls cross country and wrestling. The combined 2022-23 enrollment of 1,418 students requires Executive Committee approval in these sports. There must be a demonstrated history of low participation numbers in order for the cooperative programs to continue. An email was submitted as well as support from the Saginaw Valley League.

The Executive Committee approved the renewal of these programs for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

South Lyon and South Lyon East High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – These schools of the same district would like to renew their cooperative program in boys lacrosse. In May of 2020, the Executive Committee approved the continuation of this program through the 2021-22 school year, after which the schools must report the history of low participation numbers in order for the cooperative program to continue. Information has been submitted as well as support from the Lakes Valley Conference.

The Executive Committee approved the renewal of this cooperative program for the 2022-23 school year only.

Southgate Anderson, Dearborn, Dearborn-Edsel Ford and Monroe High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-4]) – A request was made to waive the new 5,500-student limit for ice hockey cooperative programs. These four schools were previously involved in two cooperative programs, Dearborn-Edsel Ford with Dearborn, and Southgate Anderson with Flat Rock and Monroe. The combined enrollment would be 6,450 students. There has been declining participation and the separate programs would not be able to continue.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The cooperative program application must be completed for approval by the Executive Committee by Aug. 15, 2022.

Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – These schools of the same district would like to renew their cooperative program in girls golf. The combined 2022-23 enrollment of 2,376 students requires Executive Committee approval in this sport. There must be a demonstrated history of low participation numbers in order for the cooperative program to continue. A letter was submitted as well as support from the Lakes Valley Conference.

The Executive Committee approved the renewal of this program for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, Walled Lake Central and West Bloomfield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-4]) – Application was made for the addition of West Bloomfield to the current varsity ice hockey cooperative program between the other three schools, along with a request to waive the new 5,500-student limit for ice hockey cooperative programs. All four schools are currently in a JV-only cooperative program. The combined enrollment would be 5,641 students. Waterford Mott would continue as the primary school. Due to the low number of participants expected in 2022-23, Waterford School District submitted a request for waiver, along with support from the Lakes Valley Conference.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver of the 5,500-student limit for ice hockey and the addition of West Bloomfield to the current varsity cooperative program.

Redford-Westfield Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 4) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a fourth-year high school student who has attended Westfield Prep the past three school years. He attended Jalen Rose Academy as a freshman in 2018-19. The school requested two additional semesters based on documentation submitted by a doctor citing asthma. The student would be eligible in 2022-23 under the age rule.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 and 9) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition as well as the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred to Lake Fenton from Oxford High School following the tragedy that occurred in November of 2021. This student began as a freshman in 2021-22 at Oxford and has not attended any in-person classes since the shooting last winter. The student has fallen behind and the parents wish him to repeat 9th grade in 2022-23. The family has moved into the Fenton attendance area because they could not find housing in Lake Fenton, and do not wish to attend a school in the same size range as Oxford. The student wishes to attend a smaller school and get a new start at Lake Fenton.

The Executive Committee did not approve an extra year of eligibility for the student but did approve the request for waiver of the transfer regulation.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a Lenawee Christian student who moved and transferred from Fairfax, Virginia. Lenawee Christian is 32.6 miles from the new residence while Freedom Farm Christian (11.1 miles) and Jackson Christian School (28.4 miles) are closer. A letter with detail and background from the family was submitted. The school requested full eligibility. If not granted, the secondary request was for eligibility after 90 school days.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Armada High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Richmond to Armada. Bullying issues were abundant at the previous school and medical documentation was provided. The student sought immediately eligibility at Armada.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver due to the fact that much of the information received was unreadable. The school may resubmit materials with the shaded information for reconsideration in August.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who reenrolled at Bangor in October of 2021. The student had attended Bangor Public Schools through his 8th-grade year and left following an altercation and threatening situation with another student in which law enforcement was involved. The student has returned to Bangor from the neighboring school where he did play football in the fall of 2021. Bangor requested eligibility in 8-player football this coming fall.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clarkston-Everest Collegiate High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Flint-Powers in December of 2021. The student participated in four JV football games last fall. He had to be homeschooled for a period of time during this transition from Powers to Everest due to the trimester schedule. The student had attended Everest for many years and returned following COVID and masking issues. Support was received from the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first four football games of the 2022 season.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who is returning to Chippewa Valley High School after one semester at U of D Jesuit High School. The parents of the student transferred him following security and safety concerns after the fall season and the incident at Oxford High School. The student found that the new school was not a better situation for him, and he wished to return to his original school. This student did not participate in any sports at U of D in the semester he was there. The school requested subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gobles 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 Gobles from Paw Paw in the fall of 2022 after family health circumstances. The student sat out the remaining 2021 football season after arriving at Gobles due to playing in two JV football games at Paw Paw prior to the transfer. The request was for immediate eligibility in football in the fall of 2022.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at Grand Rapids Christian on May 10 after transferring from Forest Hills Northern High School. The student experienced bullying at the former school along with academic program issues. Support was received from the former school. The current school requested subvarsity eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in boys soccer.

Grand Rapids-Northview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation for subvarsity eligibility was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Comstock Park. The student enrolled at Northview this past winter after spending the first half of the year at Comstock Park High School where he played football. He enrolled at Northview due to his mother having transportation issues following a job change. The student's sister has been a student at Northview High School for three years.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland 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 Hamilton to Holland. The family lives in the Holland Public School District and a sister finished 6th grade in Holland this year. The student began therapy this year from experiences of anxiety related to school, the school staff, and management of the school environment. This anxiety caused her to miss school over the course of this year and is seeking a fresh start in Holland. The student swam at the previous school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ithaca High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who started the year at Ithaca and played JV football. The student enrolled at an online school during the school year and now wishes to return to Ithaca to start his 10th-grade year in the fall. The school requested eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf on a 10th-grade student who is transferring from Okemos High School. The student and family cited issues in general with COVID protocols, board of education policy and school culture at the former school. The student requested immediate eligibility in basketball. The former school indicated it did not oppose the transfer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Lake Fenton High School. The student has been dealing with health issues which were documented by three medical professionals. The student transferred in November of 2021 after having played in three JV football games at the former school. Linden requested eligibility in football for the 2022 fall season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first three football games of the 2022 season.

Marshall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Charlotte High School through the first semester of the 2021-22 school year. The student transferred to Marshall High School at the semester due to health challenges at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Merrill High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is returning to Merrill, where he attended until 9th grade, after attending Hemlock as a school of choice student his freshman year. The student's parents went through a divorce the summer between his 8th- and 9th-grade years. Both parents continue to live in the Merrill attendance area. The student struggled academically at Hemlock and became very upset and depressed. He has decided to return to Merrill and will live with his mother full time during the school week, trying to get some stability in his life. The request was for full eligibility but would request subvarsity if that is the only option available.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Millington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has returned to Millington from New Lothrop High School. The student transferred to New Lothrop in April of 2021 because of family employment issues, and he suffered a significant knee injury in the fall of 2021. The student has suffered a number of health challenges that resulted from this injury and he returned to Millington in April of 2022. A strong letter of support was received from the former school. The student would like eligibility in football for the fall of 2022.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Napoleon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Jackson Prep Academy. The student was involved in a situation with students at the former school which included law enforcement involvement. This situation led her to transfer to Napoleon where she has had family members attend. The student requested eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student in 2022-23 who lives in the Northville district and will transfer from Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard to Northville due to the student having dyslexia and wanting to attend school in his district of residence. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in football. Support from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred back to his district of residence from U of D Jesuit High School. The student participated in football at the previous school and had issues returning from an injury. Because of these issues, the student suffered health challenges. Information from the parents was included in the request along with a letter from an assistant coach at the former school. The student would like eligibility in football in the fall of 2022.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who was initially enrolled at Adams High School until February of 2022. Following the tragic losses of vital family members and a close friend, the student and her mother requested a transfer to Stoney Creek High School with the support of her counselor, administrators, therapist and school district. Five additional letters of support were also included from the student's mother, a therapist and staff members.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Standish-Sterling High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Ogemaw Heights High School. When the student's mother and father divorced in 2014, the student continued to live with his mother in West Branch and attend school there. When the student's mother remarried in 2016 and moved to Standish, the student continued to attend Ogemaw Heights. The mother's job as a chemotherapy nurse has since changed, requiring her to commute alternately from their home in Standish to both West Branch and Saginaw, while continuing to drive her children to West Branch for school and related activities. West Branch is approximately 30 miles north, and Saginaw is 40 miles south of Standish. Support from the former school was received. The request was for full eligibility but would like consideration for subvarsity participation if that is not approved.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who just completed his freshman year at Glen Lake High School. The family moved to Traverse City in August of 2020 but the student remained at the previous school after the move. The student's brother graduated from Glen Lake, and now the student wishes to transfer to the school of residency.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Westland-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who went from Ottawa Lake-Whiteford to John Glenn High School. This transfer was due to a change in employment for the student's father as he is now teaching and coaching at John Glenn with the family making a full and complete move to a neighboring school district. The student participated in football, basketball and track at the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in football and basketball.

Westland-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been approved for a transfer within the district from Wayne Memorial to John Glenn. The student had a documented bullying issue at Wayne Memorial with another student and law enforcement has been involved, with a PPO in process. The school requested immediate eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wixom-St. Catherine of Siena Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a St. Catherine of Siena Academy student who has transferred from Rudolph Steiner for the 2022-23 school year. St. Catherine is not the closest non-public school to the residence (Novi Christian). The student is Catholic and her parents would like her to attend a Catholic School. St. Catherine is the closest Catholic school based on her new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Northern Lights League (Regulation II, Section 10) – A request was made on behalf of this league which must use a number of alternative traveling methods. Given these circumstances, the schools of this league wish to play multiple competitions in a day; the maximum allowed number would be double the published allowed *Handbook* limits (e.g., two basketball games). The members of this league are Beaver Island, Brimley-Ojibwe Charter, Cooks-Big Bay de Noc, Grand Marais-Burt Township, Hannahville-Nah Tah Wahsh, Kinross-Maplewood Baptist, Mackinac Island, Wetmore-Munising Baptist and Paradise-Whitefish Township.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in basketball and volleyball when alternative modes of transportation are required involving one of the island schools.

East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2022-23 school year was made on behalf of the assistant boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed full-time by the East Grand Rapids Aquatics USA Swim Club. The program will have over 230 participants ages 6-college age, of which approximately 55 are East Grand Rapids students in grades 6-8. Approximately 40 participants come from seven other schools or districts (Byron Center, Caledonia, Grand Rapids-Catholic Central, Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Rockford, and the Forest Hills Schools). A similar request has been approved for this coach and program since 2012-13.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Linden Community Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2022-23 school year was made on behalf of the girls gymnastics coach for the cooperative program between Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton High Schools who is a full-time employee of Southern Lakes Parks. She instructs a gymnastics course throughout the year. The program includes 200 participants ages 5-18, of which 20-30 are students in grades 7-12 from the school district and a variety of other school districts in the Southern Lakes area. A request was approved for this coach and program for the 2021-22 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Midland-H. H. Dow High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2022-23 school year was made on behalf of the head boys and assistant girls swimming coach who is a teacher in the district and also employed by the Midland Dolphins Swim Club. While non-school swimming is not the coach's primary source of income, he relies on the additional income to pay down student loans. The club is open to the public, and for 2022-23, it is anticipated to include approximately 150 participants, ages 5-20. The majority of the swimmers will be students from Midland and H. H. Dow High Schools and the club will also include a few students from Auburn-Bay City Western and Freeland. A similar request was approved for this coach for the past two school years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Midland-Jefferson Middle School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2022-23 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming coach who is a teacher in the district and also employed by the Midland Dolphins Swim Club. While non-school swimming is not the coach's primary source of income, it is a needed source of additional income. The club is open to the public, and for 2022-23, it is anticipated to include approximately 150-200 participants, ages 5-18. There are 50-75 7-12th grade students involved from Midland, Bay City, Bullock Creek, Saginaw, Caro and Freeland Public Schools. A similar request has been approved for this coach in the past.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Bangor and Covert Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (7th and 8th grades combined) between these two middle schools. Bangor will be the primary school. A high school cooperative program application was approved earlier in this meeting. The schools hope to build enough interest at the junior high/middle and high school levels so they may sponsor their own 11-player teams within two years.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks-River Valley Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (7th and 8th grades combined) between these two middle schools. There is currently a cooperative program between these schools in 8-player football at the high school level. New Buffalo will be the primary school.

West Michigan Middle School Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10) – A request was made to allow this league to begin middle school football practice five days earlier than allowed by the regulation, on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 22, 2022). The early start date would allow the 27 schools of this league the option to have five additional days of practice prior to Labor Day. The West Michigan Middle School Conference offers four seasons of participation and this would avoid conflicts between fall and winter seasons.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2022-23 school year.

Harper Woods High School (Classification) – A request was made to adjust the 2022-23 Enrollment Declaration Form downward from 1,289 students to 859 students. The school submitted inaccurate figures due to an internal error that combined high school and middle school students. Executive Committee members were provided information relative to the online submission process and the various confirmation steps that are part of this process.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request.

Approved International Student Programs (AISP) – Exception 4 of Regulation I, Section 9(A) allows immediate eligibility for one academic year for an otherwise eligible international student on either a J-1 or F-1 visa who is placed in a residence in a public high school district or school service area through an MHSAA Approved International Student Program. Pursuant to Interpretation 83, the Executive Committee reviewed the CSIET J-1 and F-1 inbound student programs as well as all member-school-operated international student programs and determined that the following are MHSAA approved for the 2022-23 school year:

CSIET J-1 Inbound Listed Programs (See Appendix 1)

CSIET F-1 Inbound Listed Programs (See Appendix 2)

MHSAA Member School Programs (limited to five international students participating or one percent of high school enrollment, whichever is greater):

- Birmingham-Brother Rice High School – Maximum of **six (6)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Burton-Genesee Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Clarkston-Everest Collegiate High School (through Oak International Academies) – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Grand Rapids Christian High School – Maximum of **eight (8)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.

- Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Jenison High School (Jenison International Academy) – Maximum of **fifteen (15)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Muskegon-West Michigan Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- St. Joseph-Michigan Lutheran High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Traverse City Area Public Schools – Maximum of **thirty (30)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.
- Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2022-23** academic year.

2022-23 Multimedia Regulations – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2022-23 Multimedia Regulations.

2022-23 MHSAA Officials Guidebook – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2022-23 *Officials Guidebook*.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Virtual); Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Virtual); Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Virtual); Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Virtual); Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Virtual); and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day).



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2022-2023 J-1 INBOUND CERTIFIED PROGRAMS



Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (AFICE) Certification Status: Full -- AFS-USA, Inc. Certification Status: Full --	EF High School Exchange Year Certification Status: Full -- Face the World Foundation Certification Status: Full -- Foreign Links Around the Globe (FLAG) Certification Status: Full --	PAX-Program of Academic Exchange and The Laurasian Institution Certification Status: Full -- Reflections International Certification Status: Full --	
AIFS Foundation - Academic Year in America (AYA) Certification Status: Full --	Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA) Certification Status: Full --	Rotary International Programs	
American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS Certification Status: Full --	Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange (FACE) Certification Status: Full --		Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Inc. Certification Status: Full --
American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES) Certification Status: Full -- AnB Education Certification Status: Full --	Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE) Certification Status: Full --		Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) Certification Status: Full --
Aspect Foundation Certification Status: Full --	German American Partnership Program, Inc. (GAPP) Certification Status: Full --		Empire State Youth Exchange, Inc. Certification Status: Full --
ASSE and World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs Certification Status: Full -- ASSIST Certification Status: Full --	Global Insights Certification Status: Full -- Greenheart Exchange Certification Status: Full --		North Star Rotary Youth Exchange Certification Status: Full --
Association for Teen-Age Diplomats (ATAD) Certification Status: Full --	High School in the USA Certification Status: Full --		Ohio-Erie Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Inc. Certification Status: Full --
Ayusa Global Youth Exchange Certification Status: Full --	International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) Certification Status: Full --		Rotary California-Nevada District 5190 Certification Status: Full --
Borderless Friends Forever Foundation Certification Status: Full --	International Experience (IE-USA) Certification Status: Full --		Rotary YES/SCANEX Certification Status: Full --
Children of All Nations Certification Status: Full --	International Fellowship Certification Status: Full --		Rotary Youth Exchange Southeast (formerly Rotary Youth Exchange Florida) Certification Status: Full --
Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) Certification Status: Full --	International Student Exchange (ISE) Certification Status: Full --		South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Certification Status: Full --
Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Certification Status: Full --	Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) Certification Status: Full --		Western States Student Exchange, Inc (WESSEX) Certification Status: Full --
Cultural Academic Student Exchange Certification Status: Full --	Nacel Open Door Certification Status: Full --		States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Certification Status: Full --
Cultural Homestay International Certification Status: Full --	NorthWest Student Exchange (NWSE) Certification Status: Full --		STS Foundation Certification Status: Full --
Education Travel & Culture Certification Status: Full --	NW Services, Inc. PEACE Program Certification Status: Full --		Student American International (SAI) Certification Status: Full --
Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/SHARE!) Certification Status: Full --	Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN) Certification Status: Full --		Terra Lingua USA Certification Status: Full --
	Pan Atlantic Foundation Certification Status: Full --		UCEUS Corp. Certification Status: Full --
			United Studies Certification Status: Full --
			World Link Certification Status: Full --
			Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA) Certification Status: Full



2022-2023 F-1 INBOUND CERTIFIED PROGRAMS



American Home Life International (AHLI) Certification Status: Full --	Edu-iCare Inc. Certification Status: Full --	Lartin Brothers LLC Certification Status: Full --
American Homestay Services (AHS) Certification Status: Full --	Educatus Inc. Certification Status: Full --	LPI Learning Certification Status: Full --
Amerigo Education Certification Status: Full --	Exchange Service International Certification Status: Full --	Move Language Ahead Certification Status: Provisional --
AnB Education Certification Status: Full --	ExchangeMate International Education Certification Status: Full --	Nacel Open Door Certification Status: Full --
Apex International Education Partners (AIEP) Certification Status: Full --	Global Student Services of America Certification Status: Full --	Newcomb Central School District Certification Status: Full --
ASSIST Certification Status: Full --	Greenheart Exchange Certification Status: Full --	Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Certification Status: Full --
Best Educational Solutions Today (BEST) Certification Status: Full --	Heritage Student Foundation Certification Status: Full --	PSE - Private & Public School F-1 Exchange Certification Status: Full --
Boston Global Education Certification Status: Full --	iGoGo International Certification Status: Provisional --	School District of Janesville Certification Status: Provisional --
C&T Education, Ltd Certification Status: Full --	International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) Certification Status: Full --	StudentRoomStay Concierge Certification Status: Full --
Cambridge Network Certification Status: Full --	International Experience (iE-USA) Certification Status: Full --	Three-W International and Twinn Palms, Inc. Certification Status: Full --
Central Regional School District Certification Status: Full --	Ivy International Group Certification Status: Full --	Trinity Collegiate School Certification Status: Provisional
DMD Private High School Program Certification Status: Full --	Joy International Exchange Student Certification Status: Full --	