

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the policies of the Cumberland County Board of Education pertaining to student assignments (See Policies JBCB, JBCCAC, JBCA, JBC, JBI, JB), students who participate in athletics must officially and legally reside in the school attendance area as assigned by the Cumberland County Board of Education or must be assigned to the school through a Board approved assignment or as authorized by the Superintendent, provided that A student assigned to a middle or high school in accordance with NC General Statute 115C-366 (see pages 2, 3 and 4 of Board Policy JBCA: Resident Students) may participate in interscholastic athletics at the school to which the student is assigned.

A student assigned to a middle or high school as a result of court ordered custody may participate in interscholastic athletics if the custody is a result of

- a. death, serious illness, or incarceration of parent/guardian;
- b. abandonment by parent/guardian of complete control of student;
- c. abuse or neglect by parent/guardian (to be determined by adjudication or by any definition adopted by State Board of Education);
- d. physical or mental condition of parent/guardian;
- e. destruction of student's home by natural disaster;
- f. legal separation of parents with this fact stated in the custody order

Effective August 11, 1998 through the school year 1999-2000, if a high school student meets the admission criteria for a high school academy outside the high school attendance area in which he/she legally and officially resides, is recommended for admission by the principal of the high school academy program to the Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services, and is approved for admission into the academy by the Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services, the student may participate in interscholastic athletics at their home high school.

Effective with the 2000-2001 school year, students accepted into the high school academies and middle school choice programs in accordance with established admission standards may participate in interscholastic athletics at the school at which the high school academy or middle school choice program is offered.

Appeals will be directed to the Director of Student Athletics.

This policy for athletic eligibility further incorporates by reference any additional rules and regulations of the Handbooks of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, Inc., and A Manual for Sports Medicine and Interscholastic Athletics in North Carolina Public Schools; provided that middle school standards shall be the same as those for the high schools.

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