

HISD Varsity Athletic Eligibility Scenarios (Freedom of Choice)
All scenarios assume parent(s) residence inside HISD boundaries
Applicable for transfers beginning with the 2010-11 school year
(based on interpretation of section 440 (b) (4) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules)

This policy has been in effect since September 1, 2010

Scenario A

Parent(s) reside in attendance zone for school A. In the ninth grade, the student chooses to attend school A. Student is considered in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school A.

When the student reaches the 11th grade, the parents relocate and establish a bone fide residence in the attendance zone of school C. The student chooses to attend school C. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school C until they have been enrolled and attending school C for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school C.

When the student reaches the 11th grade, the student chooses to attend school C under freedom of choice. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school C until they have been enrolled and attending school C for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school C.

Scenario B

Parent(s) reside in attendance zone for school A. In the ninth grade, the student chooses to attend school B under freedom of choice. Student is considered in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school B.

When the student reaches the 11th grade, the parents relocate and establish a bone fide residence in the attendance zone of school C. The student chooses to attend school C. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school C until they have been enrolled and attending school C for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school C.

Scenario C

Parent(s) reside in attendance zone for school A. In the ninth grade, the student chooses to attend school B under freedom of choice. Student is considered in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school B.

When the student reaches the 11th grade, the student chooses to attend school C under freedom of choice. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school C until they have been enrolled and attending school C for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school C.

Scenario D

Parents reside outside the boundaries of HISD. As a ninth grader, student files transfer paperwork and attends school A in HISD. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school A until they have been enrolled and attending school A for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school A.

Scenario E

Parents reside outside the boundaries of HISD. As a ninth grader, student files transfer paperwork and attends school A in HISD. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school A until they have been enrolled and attending school A for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school A.

As an 11th grader, this same student chooses to transfer to HISD school B. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school B until they have been enrolled and attending school B for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school B.

Scenario F

Parents reside outside the boundaries of HISD. As a ninth grader, student files transfer paperwork and attends school A in HISD. Student is not in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school A until they have been enrolled and attending school A for one year. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school A.

As an 11th grader, the parents of this student relocate and establish a bona fide residence within the boundaries of HISD. Student chooses to attend HISD school C under freedom of choice. Student is considered in compliance with parent residence rule for varsity athletic participation at school C. The student must complete a PAPF prior to varsity participation at school C.

Scenario G (Transfers at beginning of 9th then returns to attendance zoned school)

Parent(s) reside in attendance zone for school A. In the ninth grade, the student chooses to attend school B as a school of choice with a transfer. Student is in compliance for UIL varsity athletic participation at school B. Student then decides to return to school A. Student is ineligible to participate in UIL varsity athletic participation at school A until they have been enrolled and attending school A for one year.

Scenario H (Transfers on Space Available but is sent back to attendance zoned School)

If a student is attending a school on a Space-Available transfer and is sent back to his attendance zoned school (place where his parents reside) due to lack of space, he/she is eligible to participate in all UIL varsity level activities,

- a) immediately if enrolled in his attendance zoned school before the first day of classes
- b) in 15 days if enrolled after the first day of classes

Scenario I (Transfer school does not offer UIL Athletics)

A student who is enrolled in an HISD Magnet School (without an attendance zone) that does not have any UIL athletics programs is eligible to participate in the UIL athletics programs of the school where he or she resides (attendance zoned school). In such a situation, both the school in which the student is actually enrolled as well as the attendance zoned school where the student participates are responsible for determining the academic eligibility of the student and all mandatory grade checks required to address the eligibility status of that student. The attendance zoned school must use the same participation criteria required of students who are actually enrolled at the school in regards to try-outs, deadlines, rehearsals, scheduling, etc.