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### **Revised Policy - Vol. 43, No. 1**

#### **5131 - STUDENT TRANSFERS**

The Board of Education recognizes the value to a student to participate in the interscholastic athletic program providing it does not interfere with the student's his/her academic program and the student's/he meets all of the requirements of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

**[ X ]** The Board will send the necessary release to the Commissioner of the OHSA for a student who has transferred to another district but resides in this District, providing the student meets all other eligibility requirements.

**[ - ]** The Board, however, does not condone a student transferring to another district, while still residing in this District, for the express purpose of participating in the other district's athletic program. Therefore, it will not take the necessary formal action to release the student from the district.

The Superintendent may grant any home-educated student or any student enrolled in a qualifying school or a different school district, regardless of whether the Superintendent's district is the student's resident district, the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school in the District, if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer, or another student, from the district or school in which the student is enrolled or the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under R.C. 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312:

- A. harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- B. a qualifying offense for which the school official, employee, or volunteer, or another student, has been either of the following:
  - 1. charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing;
  - 2. alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing;
- C. conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the state board of education;

The Superintendent will document the reason(s) for granting participation under this policy. To be eligible, a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic, community, or other public school must be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant. Home-educated students will be subject to the same rules of participation and the same fees that are applied to any other participant. The District will not penalize or restrict eligibility to participate in District interscholastic athletics for students who cease to participate in interscholastic athletics elsewhere during the school year and begin to participate in District programs after being subject to bullying or any other types of offenses listed in this Policy.

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