IMPORTANT STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION
Adoption of PWCS Regulation 721-2
Student Transfers – High School

With the adoption of the new regulation 721-2, changes have been added that impact a student’s Virginia High School League eligibility for participation in interscholastic sports at the high school level.

A. Students who are granted approval to transfer to a school outside their established attendance area shall be eligible to participate in Virginia High School League (VHSL) activities when entering the school as a first time ninth grade student. Any student who transfers after establishing eligibility in the freshman year at his or her base/zoned school shall be ineligible to participate in VHSL-sponsored activities for 365 days of the transfer to a requested school. The Superintendent of Schools or designee may grant a waiver to the VHSL transfer rule based on a decision made by the School Division that requires the transfer of the student, but not for athletic and/or activity purposes. (VHSL Handbook, Transfer Rule 28-6-1.)

B. Students who transfer to a school to participate in a designated site program shall meet all eligibility requirements for VHSL-sponsored activities. The transfer shall become effective when the student enters the program. The student shall meet full participation requirements for the program in order to retain eligibility.

C. Students who enter such programs as rising ninth graders are eligible to participate in VHSL-sponsored activities. Once a student establishes eligibility in a high school, and the student transfers to another high school for any reason, the student shall be ineligible for 365 days unless there is a corresponding change of address in accordance with VHSL Regulation 28-6-1. Twelfth grade students shall not be permitted to transfer for such designated site programs without specific permission from the High School Level Associate Superintendent or designee.

D. Once a student establishes eligibility in a high school, any additional transfer requests for designated site programs shall not be considered for a waiver and the student shall be ineligible for 365 days from the date of the transfer.

E. If a student is dismissed by the program director from the designated site program for not meeting the program requirements, the student shall return to his or her base/zoned school the following school year. The student must apply for a Superintendent’s waiver for VHSL activities participation according to VHSL guidelines. Waivers will be granted according to guidelines provided in Transfer Rule 28-6-1 of the VHSL policy manual.

F. If a student chooses to withdraw from a designated site program, the student shall return to his or her base/zoned school the following school year. The student will not be eligible for a waiver of VHSL Transfer Rule 28-6-1.