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HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TEAMS

Policy for home educated students to participate on interscholastic athletic teams in the Chicopee Public Schools:

1. The Educational Plan for the home-educated student has been approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
2. The Principal has determined appropriate high school grade level placement for each home-educated student in conjunction with chronological age and educational plan.
3. The student resides in Chicopee.
4. The Principal is satisfied that the student meets the guidelines for athletic participation required for all other students as defined by School Committee policy and as defined in the current MIAA Blue Book. This should include, but not be limited to, those rules governing transfers, academic eligibility, age requirements, and the number of consecutive seasons of athletic eligibility beyond grade eight.
5. MIAA and School Committee policy requirements relative to academic eligibility must be reviewed by the Principal at the same time that all other student athletes are to be certified as academically eligible.
6. A home-educated student will be assigned to the school in which attendance zone they reside for the purpose of athletic participation.
7. If the Principal determines that all eligibility standards detailed above have been met, the Principal may declare the student immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic competition. The rights, privileges, and responsibilities associated with all other student athletes attending MIAA member schools will apply to home educated students who have satisfied the requirements above.

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