

Previous Athletic Participation Form - Page 1 (Eligibility Questionnaire for New Student Athletes in Grades 9-12)

The questions below will assist the UIL/school administrators in making decisions in reference to the Varsity Athletic Parent Residence Rule, Changing Schools for Athletic Purposes, Age Rule, Four-Year Rule, Foreign Exchange, Full-Time Student Rule, and Amateur Athletic Status.

Question 1 - determines whether or not the student needs to complete page 2 of the Previous Athletic Participation Form.

Question 2 - a 'yes' answer will require further investigation to determine the student's first opportunity to enroll or a subsequent transfer back to the student's home attendance zone school.

Varsity Athletic Parent Residence Rule

Question 3 - a 'yes' answer means a waiver of the residence rule may be required for varsity athletic participation, if the student has NOT been continuously enrolled at that school for the previous calendar year.

Question 4 - a check mark in the box for 'married - living apart' or 'married and the student is living with one parent' means a waiver of the residence rule is likely required for varsity athletic participation.

Question 5 - a check mark in the box for 'guardian' or 'foster parents' means a waiver of the residence rule is more than likely required for varsity athletic participation. Based on the answers above, contact the UIL office to discuss prior to allowing the student to participate at the varsity level in athletics.

Questions 6, 7 and 8 - a 'yes' answer to any or all of these questions needs to be investigated by the school to find out the circumstances and how they might or might not impact varsity athletic eligibility.

Full-Time Student

Question 9 - a 'yes' means the student is in violation of the full-time student rule and would be ineligible to participate at any level.

Age Rule and Four-Year Rule

Question 10 - a 'yes' answer means the student is in violation of the Age Rule and not eligible for varsity athletic participation. Contact the UIL office to see if the student could qualify for a waiver of the Age Rule.

Question 11 - a 'yes' answer means the student is in violation of the Four Year Rule and not eligible for varsity participation. Contact the UIL office to inquire on the process for applying for a waiver of the Four Year Rule.

Question 12 - a 'yes' answer to this question needs to be investigated. UIL rule prohibit students from repeating grades for athletic purposes.

Foreign Exchange Waiver

Question 13 - Foreign exchange students are not eligible for varsity athletics without a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.

Amateur Athletic Status

Question 14 - a 'yes' means the student is in violation of the amateur rule and would be ineligible to participate.

Assist in Determining if Student Moved for Athletic Purposes

Questions 15, 16, 17 and 18 - Any 'yes' answers should be thoroughly in question to participate at the varsity level in athletics.

- If the student attended a Charter School it will require further investigation to determine the student's first opportunity to enroll or a subsequent transfer back to the student's home attendance zone school.
- The date of withdrawal from previous school and date of enrollment in new school is necessary in determining if the student has been continuously enrolled for one calendar if the answer to question 2 is 'yes'.
- Signature on the questionnaire certifies all required annual student forms and the information provided by the parent or student is true and correct.

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If the student is NOT living with parents at the new school it is more than likely a waiver of the parent residence is required for varsity athletic participation. Contact the UIL Office.

Section I – Eligibility Certification

- If the former address of parent/guardian is the same as the current address, a letter of explanation is REQUIRED to explain the change in schools with no change in address.
- If the status of previous residence is ‘vacant’ or ‘still own’, further investigation is needed.
- Parent/Guardian signature is required, and if witnessed by the new school administrator, notarization is not required.

Section II – New School Certification

- The new school superintendent or designated administrator signature signifies to his/her knowledge the student is not changing schools for athletic purposes.

Section III – Former School Certification and Release

- Questions 1-6 will help determine if the student is changing schools for athletic purposes.
- If any of questions 1-6 is answered ‘yes,’ a District Executive Committee hearing is required.
- If a hearing is required, testimony from the previous school, the student/parent and new school can be given to assist in determining eligibility. Please document the date of the hearing in this section.
- If questions 3, 4 or 5 are answered ‘yes’ an attachment of explanation from the previous school is required to the District Executive Committee.
- This section requires two signatures (former superintendent or designated administrator and former principal or coach).
- A student is ineligible for varsity competition until the District Executive Chair has signed the Previous Athletic Participation form.

Section IV – District Executive Committee Approval

- Check the level of approval for competition. If approved for ‘Varsity’ level in one sport, the student is approved at ‘Varsity’ level for all sports.
- Check and sign the level of approval for sub-varsity if the student does not meet varsity eligibility requirements.
- Complete the District Executive Chairman’s school, conference and district.
- A signature of the District Executive Committee Chairman is required before the student is eligible for varsity competition, if the level of approval is ‘Varsity’.
- The District Executive Committee Chairman sends one copy to the student’s current school and the other copy (with supporting documentation) to the University Interscholastic League.

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