

Mount Vernon Student Transfer Process

In order to adhere to Georgia High School Association bylaws, rules and regulations, any transfer student at Mount Vernon, interested in participating in GHSA sanctioned games, must follow and agree to the following process in advance of the student attending one day of school:

- A representative of the Mount Vernon Department of Athletics will contact the primary guardian(s) of transfer student to set up an appointment for a site visit.
- In order to verify residence on admissions application, representatives of the Mount Vernon Department of Athletics will conduct a site visit to complete the transfer form, retrieve documentation and review guidelines established by the GHSA.
- Transfer/hardship form will be submitted to GHSA awaiting eligibility status.
- Once eligibility status has been approved by GHSA, transfer student will be able to participate in GHSA sanctioned varsity competitions.
- If the school year is underway awaiting eligibility status, student may attend school, but transfer student will only be allowed to participate as JV players and are not allowed to “dress out” for varsity contests.
- Representatives from the Mount Vernon Department of Athletics will conduct a minimum of two random site visits during stated school year.

As primary guardian(s) of _____, I (we) understand and agree to the Mount Vernon process of participating in GHSA games at Mount Vernon Presbyterian School.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

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Signature

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GHSA Guidelines

1.62 A transfer student who has established eligibility at a former school in grades 9-12 shall be immediately eligible at the new school if:

(a) The student moved simultaneously with the entire parental unit or persons he/she resided with at the former school, and the student and parent(s) or persons residing with the student live in the service area of the new school. This is known as a "bona fide move."

(1) The student may choose the public or private school serving that area.

(2) It must be apparent that the parent(s) or the persons residing with the student and the student have relinquished the residence in the former service area and have occupied a residence in the new service area.

(3) Relinquishment of the former residence may be met by one of the following procedures: selling the residence; having the residence listed with a real estate agent for sale at a fair market value; having a contract with a buyer; having a lease agreement at a fair market value; or abandoning the house and shutting off unnecessary utilities. When a family claims multiple residences, the residence for which they apply for a homestead exemption will be declared the primary residence.

(4) The bona fide move is validated when the student's family maintains the new residence for at least one calendar year. A return to the previous residence within that year renders the student to be a migrant student. All hardship appeal processes are available.

(b) The student was enrolled in a private school or a magnet school and has a bona fide move from one public school service area to another public school service area. A student in this situation may attend either the public school or a private school serving his area of residence. (Note: This by-law was temporarily deleted by vote of the State Executive Committee as of 9/15/2014.)

(c) The student was enrolled in a non-member private school in Georgia or was boarded at a school out of state and, without a bona fide move, transferred to a GHSA member school that serves his area of residence as long as:

(1) The student was enrolled at the high school serving his/her area of residence in grades 9-12 before attending the non-member school, OR

(2) The student has not yet established eligibility at grades 9-12 at a member school serving his area of residence, OR

(3) the student has previously established his attendance at a school other than the school serving his area of residence, and chooses to return to that school, AND

(4) it is the initial move of the student from a non-member school to a member school serving his area of residence. (NOTE: Rules about joint custody transfers overrule the one-time transfer restriction in this by-law.)

(d) The student transfers from a non-member home school and the receiving school grants credit so that the student has accumulated sufficient units. At the time such credit is given, the student must also have passed a minimum of at least 2.5 units the previous semester. The student becomes eligible when credit is awarded officially.

(e) The student is involved in a foreign exchange program that is approved and published on the "Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs" published by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). This list is found on the GHSA web site.

(1) The student shall be considered eligible for a maximum period of one calendar year.

(2) The student shall not be a graduate of a secondary school in his home country.

(3) The student must maintain eligibility requirements at the member school.

(4) The foreign exchange program must assign students to schools by a method that insures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic purposes.

(5) All eligibility forms (Form B) for foreign exchange students must be accompanied by documentation from the CSJET-approved foreign exchange program showing that the student has been placed according to the normal procedures for that agency.

(f) If one of his/her parents or the custodial parent is a certified teacher or administrator teaching at the receiving school. This opportunity is available one time only at any given school. (NOTE: Rules about joint custody transfers overrule the one-time transfer restriction in this by-law.)

(g) The student has one of the following family-related situations that produces a waiver of the bona fide move rule:

(1) There is a Superior Court or Juvenile Court awarded change of permanent custody and the student moves to the residence of the parent receiving custody.

(a) The student must attend the member school serving that area of residence.

(b) A copy of the court order must accompany the eligibility forms.

(c) NOTE: Temporary guardianship papers issued by a Probate Court are not valid for eligibility.

(2) There is a Superior Court or Juvenile Court final order awarding permanent joint custody to the parents and the student moves to a residence of his or her parent outside the service area of the previous school.

(a) This waiver may be made one time during a calendar year.

(b) A copy of the court order must accompany the eligibility forms.

(3) There is a death of a custodial parent and the student moves to live with the other natural parent in a new school service area.

NOTE: A copy of the death certificate shall be submitted with the eligibility papers.

(4) There is a military transfer of one or both custodial parents that creates a change of residence that is not a bona fide move. NOTE: A copy of the deployment order shall be submitted with the eligibility form.

As primary guardian(s) of _____, I (we) understand and agree to abide by GHSA guidelines. If the primary residence changes at any time during the calendar year, I (we) will self-report to Mount Vernon a change in residence. I (we) agree that not abiding in GHSA guidelines could place our enrollment status at Mount Vernon in jeopardy.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

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