

Home School Athletics MCS Guidelines

- Step 1 Paperwork for enrollment must be complete by the 20th day of school
- a. Including proof of medical insurance, residency [includes proof of home ownership with deed or property tax notice or rental or lease agreement AND Huntsville Utility bill with ALL in the parent(s) name.](no affidavits), and physical
 - b. Please see Chalkable Guide to Home School Athletics below for specifics on enrollment
- Step 2 Student must complete all AHSAA required paperwork and forms (STAR Sportsmanship, Student Release Form, Concussion Form, Current Physical, and Birth Certificate)
- Step 3 Students try-out for the AHSAA sport (Students should be treated as ‘move-in’ if tryouts have already occurred)
- Step 4 The (9-12) student must enroll in two courses (two credits) [Two courses are the maximum allowed] If Athletic PE is offered in the student's desired sport, then they must enroll in that class. The (7-8) student must enroll in one course (PE).

Chalkable Guide to Home School Athletics

On April 12, 2016, the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Legislative Council voted unanimously to pass a new bylaw that allows non-traditional (home school) students an opportunity to participate in sanctioned interscholastic athletics with Alabama public schools. A list of sanctioned interscholastic athletics can be found at: <http://www.ahsaa.com/Sports>

Therefore, as a result of the adoption of the aforementioned bylaw by the AHSAA Legislative Council, the following information provided by the AHSAA and Chalkable should assist you on how to enroll a home school student for athletic eligibility in sanctioned interscholastic sports:

1. Please follow your local school board policy for student enrollment.

2. You will not upload a transcript. According to the AHSAA, all home school students enrolling for athletic participation are eligible in their initial year of enrollment.
3. Assign the student-athlete the recommended classes(s) for academic accountability. (Grades 9-12 will take a PE and an elective. Grades 7-8 will take a PE.)
4. In Chalkable, under the Customs tab, scroll down to the blue bar labeled Personal and check “athlete”. Also, under the Personal tab, check “home schooled” under Non-Traditional School Type.
5. Next, have the student-athlete complete all other requirements for AHSAA eligibility (STAR Sportsmanship, Student Release Form, Concussion Form, Current Physical, and Birth Certificate).
6. In C2C, you must click the OTG (On Track To Graduate) Column to “Yes” and upload a note in the files to inform the AHSAA this student is a Non-Traditional student. This step will allow the AHSAA to make the student-athlete academically eligible in C2C before Principal Certification can be completed.
7. Beginning in January 2017, eligibility assessments in the four core subjects will be given to these student-athletes at the end of each semester beginning with the 7th grade through the first semester of 12th grade, and the percentile grade on each test will then be uploaded into Chalkable.

All questions related to eligibility and participation of home school students in sanctioned interscholastic athletics should be directed to the Alabama High School Athletic Association at [\(334\) 263-6994](tel:3342636994).

For questions related to Chalkable, please contact Mr. AJ Price at ajprice@alsde.edu.

Should you have any questions regarding the calculation of ADM as it pertains to these student-athletes, please contact Ethan Taylor etaylor@alsde.edu or myself at [\(334\) 242-9754](tel:3342429754).

Madison County Schools - Home School/Virtual School Athletic Guidelines

1. Allow Non-Traditional students to participate in interscholastic athletics with AHSAA member public schools.

Home School Guidelines:

ENROLLMENT

- Students must enroll in a member public school in order to participate in an interscholastic contest or practice.
- Must be enrolled at the member public school that serves the area in which the student's parents reside.
- Must be within the first 20 days of the school year in the school they are zoned to attend.
- Note: All home school students are eligible their initial year of enrollment based on local board policy.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- Students will adhere to all AHSAA rules applicable to academic accountability (Rule I, Section 9: Academic Rule, Requirements). Students will be required to take AHSAA criteria tests developed by the ALSDE for the AHSAA in all four core subjects at the end of each semester for academic eligibility beginning with grade 7 through the end of the first semester in grade 12. (ALL assessment testing will be conducted on campus of the school under the supervision of a certified instructor employed by the school.)
- Home School students must: Enroll and attend two electives on the campus of the school (9-12), [7-8 students must attend one course (PE)]. Amendments to AHSAA Bylaws. The AHSAA recommends taking physical education class or athletic PE on campus for safety reasons.
- If the school requires an athlete to take a PE to participate in athletics, the home school student will be required as well.
- If the school does not require athletic PE to participate in athletics, home school students will take electives through the school's virtual program.

TRANSFERS

- A home school student who decides to enroll in a traditional school full time is eligible to participate if all other eligibility requirements are met.

- A traditional student who decides to be homeschooled because of failing grades is deemed ineligible to participate in athletics for a period of one year. (If in good standing academically at the time of withdrawal, the student remains eligible.)

Practice Time

- A home school student's practice time must be equivalent to but not to exceed that of a traditional student during a school day.

Virtual School Guidelines:

ENROLLMENT:

- Virtual school students must follow all ALSDE policies. Local board policy must be in accordance with all AHSAA bylaws.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY:

- The AHSAA recommends taking a physical education class or athletic PE on campus for safety reasons.
- If the school requires an athlete to take a PE to participate in athletics, the virtual school student will be required as well.

TRANSFERS:

- A virtual school student who elects to transfer schools must be in accordance with all AHSAA bylaws pertaining to transfers.

PRACTICE TIME:

- A virtual school student's practice time must be equivalent to but not to exceed practice that of a traditional student during a school day.