



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Is there a preferred "Back to School" learning model that is best for my high school (9-12) student/athlete?

Answer: Yes. Student/athletes in grades 9-12 are required to be on campus for a minimum of 1 class period per day, and therefore we suggest enrolling in the "All at School (traditional) model", or the "Blended model."

Question: Will my Middle School age child be athletically eligible if we choose the "Virtual School Model" for the 2020-2021 School Year?

Answer: Yes. Student/athletes in grades 6th through 8th can be eligible to participate in athletics due to the OSSAA making concessions to their "virtual school only" policy for this unprecedented pandemic. Student/athletes will be athletically eligible should they choose to go virtual as long as their attendance is above 90% at practices and games, and they are meeting all academic eligibility requirements.

Question: Will my child be athletically eligible if we choose the "Blended School Model" for the 2020-2021 School Year?

Answer: Yes. The OSSAA states that the student/athlete must attend a minimum of one class period per day on site at the member school. Athletics in grades 9-12 are offered during the school day, and therefore, as long as they attend practice daily and maintain academic eligibility requirements, they will be athletically eligible.

Question: If my child chooses the "Virtual School Model" or the "Blended School Model", will this affect his/her NCAA eligibility?

Answer: Uncertain. At this time, the NCAA has yet to release any updated accommodations for virtual learning. You would need to contact Traci Nassir at the high school career/counseling center to verify what the NCAA will accept for their clearinghouse eligibility. There is a possibility that the NCAA will not recognize the virtual course work, and therefore could affect your child's NCAA eligibility.

Question: If my child is in MS (7-8 grades) and chooses the "Virtual School Model" or the "Blended School Model", will this affect his/her NCAA eligibility?

Answer: No. The NCAA only considers coursework for the High School career-i.e. 9-12 grades.

Question: Will the District provide transportation to practice should my child choose either the Virtual School Model, or the Blended School Model?

Answer: No. The district would be unable to accommodate any additional transportation routes outside of the normal routes they currently run in the traditional "All at School Model." Transportation will run as normal for those students who attend the "All at School Model."

EXCERPT FROM THE OSSAA POLICY MANUAL: XLVII, 69-70

A student enrolled in supplemental online courses may maintain athletic eligibility at a member school provided:

- The student is enrolled in the member school.
- The student is using the online curriculum approved by the local school board of the member school.
- The member school has a system in place to monitor progress and grades for the online course(s).
- The student is meeting the requirement to be enrolled in no less than 5 courses for grades 7-11 and no less than 4 courses for grade 12.
- The student must attend a minimum of one class per day on site at the member school.

Full-time virtual students shall not be permitted to participate in interscholastic activities and contests on behalf of member schools. A full-time virtual student is a student who is enrolled at a member school but receiving all instruction electronically at a location away from the member school's facilities. Full-time virtual students will not be counted in the school's ADM for classification purposes.