



## Residential Change Checklist

### The move must be Full & Complete - Exception 1

See **2025-26 Handbook**: Transfer Rule - Exception 1, page 39 and Int. 65 & 77 on pages 44-45.

#### **ENROLLMENT is NOT the same as ELIGIBILITY: Before Being Deemed Eligible....**

- ☐ The move was from one public school district or attendance area **into another** public school district or attendance area of a multi-school district.
- ☐ The new residence is located in our school district or attendance area, or we are the closest nonpublic or charter school (*drivable highway miles*) to the new residence.
- ☐ The move was with **all the persons** the student lived with during the last academic term (*at least 30 days during the last term*).
- ☐ **“All the persons”** always includes parents or stepparents and all siblings or stepsiblings who lived at the former address and are under 18 and not financially self-supporting. Persons who remain in the "former residence" shall not be the student's parents or stepparents, shall not be the student's siblings or stepbrothers/sisters under 18 years of age, **and shall not be any other family member who was part of the family unit**. Depending on the circumstances, it may be that adults other than parents make up the family unit (*i.e., the student lives with their grandmother*). Consult MHSAA Staff for a written interpretation.
- ☐ The **“previous residence is either vacant of people and possessions or sold or rented to non-family.”** In some cases, some furniture may be left for real estate sale staging. Proof of rental or completed sale and foreclosure papers may be necessary.
- ☐ Proof of sale of **New Residence** or lease (*minimum of 12 months*) for the new residence.
- ☐ Driver's licenses and utility bills have been changed to the new address and mail has been received at the new address (*generally a utility bill*).
- ☐ **The family is actually residing there, and personal belongings are moved into the new residence.**
- ☐ In some situations, administrators may need to personally visit the previous and new residences unannounced and record their observations. Consult MHSAA Staff for a written interpretation.

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- **Note:** A high school transfer student who follows his or her former high school coach who is newly hired at the new school will not be eligible in that sport for one year under the athletic-related **“Links”** rule **even if a full residential change occurs**.
  - **Note:** A school district may have different residency requirements. These are MHSAA eligibility minimums and must be followed regardless of the school's internal enrollment policies.