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TO: High School Principals
Athletic/Activities Directors
Superintendents
School Board Presidents

FROM: Billy Strickland
Executive Director

DATE: March 3, 2020

RE: Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Sections 2.A

The Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors proposes to amend Association bylaws at its April 2020 meeting. Preceding the amendment is a short explanation of the proposal.

In amending the Bylaws, the Board of Directors will be using the following procedure:

Article 18, Bylaw Amendment, Section 1, Method, states:

“These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors sitting in regular session provided that at least 30 days advance notice has been mailed to the general membership.”

Section 2, Effective Date, states:

“Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these Bylaws take effect 30 days after their filing.”

Please review these proposed changes and if you wish, provide written comment by letter or email billy@asaa.org, to the ASAA office prior to the meeting.

Explanation

Students attending alternative schools do not establish their “school of eligibility” until they participate, while “brick and mortar” student establish it by attending their school for 15 days. This change would require alternative students to declare their “school of eligibility” within 15 days or having it automatically established to being their zones public school.



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Amendment

A. To be eligible during a school semester for participation in interscholastic activities, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be properly registered in a 9-12 or 10-12 high school program or any combination thereof, in the member school where the student will participate or where authorized by a member district, be enrolled in the member district's non-member school or program (including district correspondence), when such district is paying the student surcharge for that student or, in the case of students attending alternative education programs, be registered with their School of Eligibility, as described below.

2. Students enrolled in an alternative education program, as defined in Article 1, Section 8 herein, are eligible to participate in the interscholastic activities of only one member school per year, except as provided under the Transfer/Residency Rule (Article 12, Section 9). That school shall be considered the School of Eligibility.

a. The School of Eligibility shall be the public school (1) that, based on the residence of the parent or legal guardian, the student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative education program; or (2) at which the student requests to participate **(ADD) within 15 days of attendance of the alternative education program**, if (A) the student shows good cause, as determined by the governing body of the Public School the student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative education program and (B) the governing body of the school in which the student seeks to participate in interscholastic activities approves; or The School of Eligibility may be a private or religious school that the student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative education program; and at which the student requests to participate; and if the administrator of the school approves. **(ADD) In the event the student fails to designate a member school within 15 days of being enrolled in the alternative education program, the student's School of Eligibility will be the public school that, based on the residence of the parent or legal guardian, the student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative education program.**