

Enrollment and Eligibility Process for Home School Students Wanting to Participate in Gaston County High Schools Athletic Programs

1. A home school student is eligible to become dual enrolled and participate in athletics at the high school level in Gaston County Schools only if their domicile is located within the administrative boundaries of Gaston County Schools. Home school students can become dual enrolled and participate in athletics only within the LEA that their unit of residence is located.
2. Home school students must become dual enrolled in Gaston County Schools following the enrollment and assignment procedures/policies established by the Gaston County Board of Education. Additionally, home school students must submit a completed record or adhere to the following:
 - a. Must present a home school card from the Division of Non-Public Education for the previous and current years as well as a transcript, attendance record, and record of immunizations.
 - b. Must submit proof that the student has been enrolled in a registered home school for 365 days prior to being eligible to participate in athletics in a Gaston County School.
 - c. Prior to the first date of practice the student must provide a nationally standardized achievement test, taken within the last year, which indicates the overall grade level proficiency of the student. If the grade level indicated by the test is below the grade level for the year it was taken (determined by ninth grade entry date) then the student is ineligible for the current semester.
 - d. Must be enrolled in at least three (3) Gaston County School courses per semester. Further, at least two classes shall be taken on the referenced school campus they are domiciled. The third may be on campus, through the Career and College Promise Program (CCP) or through the North Carolina Virtual School (NCVPS)
 - e. Must take a minimum of one home school class each semester that has been preapproved by student's assigned Gaston County School in order to maintain athletic eligibility after the initial semester. Dual enrolled students must continue to meet NCHSAA academic standards of attaining a minimum of three academic credits each semester and must meet Gaston County School's promotion standards at the end of each academic year.
 - f. To maintain athletic eligibility the dual enrolled student must pass all Gaston County School's classes that he/she is enrolled in.
 - g. Once dual enrolled and deemed eligible to participate in athletics at a Gaston County School, the student must maintain continuous dual enrollment. Failure to

maintain continuous dual enrollment would render the student ineligible at all NCHSAA member schools for 365 days.

- h. Home school students must notify in writing the Principal or Principal's designee of their intent to try out for an athletic team at least ten days prior to the first practice date of the sport season they wish to participate in. Eligibility would be pending for this athlete until the enrollment process is verified complete and the athlete has been determined to be eligible. A student who does not meet this ten day requirement is ineligible for that sport season.
- i. Dual enrolled students must meet all other applicable NCHSAA rules and Gaston County athletic policies/rules to be eligible for athletic participation at a Gaston County School (e.g. – Age of Player, Eight Semester Rule, Medical Examination, Proof of Residence, Felony Policy, Policy 4315 regarding drugs and alcohol, etc.).
- j. A dual enrolled student in a Gaston County School that transitions to and becomes a fully enrolled student will then be governed by NCHSAA rules regarding fully enrolled students.

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