Pinellas County Schools

Mid-season Athletic Transfer Policy

 Revised June 2022

Mid-season transfers may seek to immediately join a team under the following conditions: (Policy 9.3.2.1)

1. The roster for the sport has not reached maximum size; and
2. Coach determines student has requisite skill and ability.

Transferring students **may not participate in a sport** if they already participated in the same sport in the same school year, unless they meet one of the items on the exception list below: (Policy 9.3.2.2)

1. Children of active duty military whose move resulted from military orders.
2. Student relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
3. Students who moved due to separation, divorce, or serious illness of a parent who has educational decision-making authority as defined by Policy 5500.01.
4. Authorized for **good cause** (Hardship appeal) in district, private or charter school board policy.

The following may be considered for “good cause authority”:

* Special placement/reassignment by the Area Superintendent or Charter School Board.
* Transfer of student within the first twenty days of school year, because of acceptance into a previously applied for magnet, academy, or charter school.
* A complete move by the student’s family to Pinellas County, or within the county, because of a change in the guardian’s job status or family circumstances.
* Undue hardship that is outside of the control of the student and their family making it necessary for the student to change schools.

“Good Cause” Appeal

A review committee of three district employees led by the Director of Athletics determines all “Good Cause” appeals. An approved Pinellas County Athletics participation packet and a letter of appeal from the parent or guardian, detailing the hardship, is required. Once the appeal letter is submitted to the Director of Athletics, a written decision by the committee will be issued within 3 school days. This decision of the committee will be final.