

Effects of H.324.1 on Student Athletics Eligibility (Charter Schools)

- ❖ A charter school student is eligible to compete for, and if selected, participate in any extracurricular activities not offered by the student's charter school, which are offered at the resident public school he would otherwise attend. A charter school student is eligible to compete for, and if selected, participate in an activity governed by the South Carolina High School League offered at the resident public school he would otherwise attend if the League governed activity is not offered at the student's charter school.
- ❖ A charter school student is eligible for extracurricular activities at the student's resident public school consistent with eligibility standards as applied to full-time students of the resident public schools.

Clarifications:

- ❖ Student must reside (with "League-recognized" guardians) in attendance zone of the public school in which the student participates.
- ❖ Students attending charter schools that are members of the South Carolina High School League must be eligible to participate at their respective charter school in order to participate at their respective public school.
- ❖ Students attending charter schools that are not members of the South Carolina High School must meet all League requirements of their respective resident public school except enrollment and attendance in the resident public school.
- ❖ Opportunity only available at traditional public school, not permitted at exclusive magnet schools, exclusive technology schools, other charter schools, or private schools.
- ❖ Sport must not be offered at charter school for which the student is eligible.
- ❖ Students that change residence (by League's transfer rules standards), but remain at same charter school will have the following option:
 - Transfer eligibility to school in new residence area immediately.

Effects of S.149 on Student Athletics Eligibility (Home Schools and Governor's Schools)

An act to amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to enact the “equal access to interscholastic activities act” by adding section 59-63-100 so as to permit home school students and Governor’s School students to participate in interscholastic activities of the school district in which the students reside subject to certain conditions, and to provide additional requirements for charter school students to participate in interscholastic activities.

Clarifications:

- The access is only available at “traditional public schools” not exclusive magnet schools, exclusive technical schools, charter schools and/or private schools.
- The home schooled student must have been taught in the setting for a full academic year prior to participating in an interscholastic activity. The student may satisfy this requirement by being home schooled for a full academic year at any time prior to participation.
- Student must notify the superintendent of the school district in writing of his/her intent to participate in the interscholastic activities as a representative of the school before the beginning of the season (first day of legal practice) for the activity in which he/she wishes to participate.
- Home schooled and/or Governor’s School students may participate on athletic teams at the traditional public schools of their “League-recognized” legal residence
- The home schooled student must reside (with League-recognized guardians) in attendance zone of the public school in which the student participates.
- The student must meet all League requirements at the resident public school except enrollment and attendance.
- A student that changes residence (by League’s transfer standards) eligibility will transfer to the new residence school immediately.

Note: Governor’s School students may only participate in sports not offered at the school.