

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dear Parent of Non-Traditional Student

(Home School, Charter School, Alternative School Non Member Private, Florida Virtual School or Osceola Virtual School)

We here at the School District of Osceola County want to provide you and your family an opportunity to be aware of the procedures that are set forth by our state athletic association (FHSAA) and their mandatory requirements that need to be completed prior to your child participating in athletics for our county.

A student: (a) the student must register his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletics as a representative of the school before any participation is allowed to begin

Approved Alternative Schools – Osceola School of the Arts (OCSA), Neo City, PATHS and Zenith

Per our controlled open enrollment policy, your child is eligible to participate in athletics at their home zoned school or per our Good Cause Procedure a student who attends Zenith, NeoCity or Paths is allowed to participate at their home zoned school or Gateway HS. A student who attends OCSA is allowed to participate at their home zoned school or Osceola HS.

### Are home education students eligible for interscholastic extracurricular activities?

Yes. Home education students who meet the standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities (s.1006.15 F.S.) and the requirements of the Home Education Program (s.1002.41 F.S.) are eligible.

A home education student under s. 1002.41 F.S. must submit an annual evaluation to the Superintendent or the home education designee in the county in which the student resides.

### Does home education have to take place solely in the home?

No. A home education program as defined in s. 1002.01(1) must be directed by the parent. The parent must maintain the portfolio and submit the annual evaluation to the superintendent / designee's office. However, parents have many educational options from which to choose.

### Are home education students required to declare a grade level to participate in extracurricular activities?

Yes. To be eligible for extracurricular activities a home education student must declare a grade level when submitting the FHSAA EL7 form Registration Form for Home Education Students to Participate in Athletic Program at Member School [http://www.fhsaa.org/forms/pdf/EL07\\_home\\_reg.pdf](http://www.fhsaa.org/forms/pdf/EL07_home_reg.pdf). Students are also required to provide proof of immunizations, home address, and GPA.

\*There are a few steps that will need to take place before any participation may begin in practice or games for your home zoned school.

#### 1.) All Non Traditional Students

- a. You will need to have the eight (8) page Athletic Packet completed, online at [athleticclearance.com](http://athleticclearance.com), and turned in prior to any participation-taking place.

#### 2.) Home School Students only

- a. You will need to have the eight (8) page Athletic Packet completed, online at [athleticclearance.com](http://athleticclearance.com), and turned in prior to any participation-taking place.
- b. Completely fill out the FHSAA state required EL 7 Form ([www.fhsaa.org](http://www.fhsaa.org)) the form must be notarized with transcripts.
- c. Verify home address. (Driver's License, Electric Bill, Copy of lease or rental agreement with proof of payments.
- d. Return completed packet to the home zoned school athletic director.
  - i. AD will submit the required information to the FHSAA

Again, please visit [www.fhsaa.org](http://www.fhsaa.org) for a complete listing of all athletic sports offered and their start times  
Please contact your home zoned school Athletic Director if you have any further questions.