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To: Parents
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Subject: High School Student Transfers

- The TAPPS **Transfer Rule** has been developed to protect, not inhibit students who wish to participate in interscholastic competition.
- The **Transfer Rule** is preventative and is devised to eliminate the incentive to transfer schools once a student (family) has initially enrolled in and attended a school of their choice.
- The **Transfer Rule** is designed to protect students who have previously participated in interscholastic competition at any school from being replaced by students who transfer for athletic or other purposes, including the affects of student, or family, shopping for schools or being recruited for athletic purposes.
- The **Transfer Rule** encourages fair play, discourages the abuses of overenthusiastic promotion of school programs, and protects the integrity of interscholastic athletic programs for both member schools and the TAPPS organization.
- If a student participated in a sport in either sub-varsity (JV) or varsity in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the current school year, or 9th, 10th or 11th grade during the previous school year **at another school**, that student must have a Previous Athletic Participation (Transfer Form) completed and approved by the District Committee or District President and Vice President before the student can compete at the VARSITY level at the new school.
- All students transferring to a new school must complete PART A of the Previous Athletic Participation Form. Parent and student signatures are required. PART A should be kept at the receiving school and not sent to the previous school.
- Part B of the Previous Athletic Participation Form, required if the student participated in athletics at the previous school, should be taken by the parent to the previous school for signature.
- If the student did not participate in athletics at the previous school, PART A should be kept on file at the new school and student should be entered into TAPPster as a TRANSFER student.
- If the student participated in athletics at the previous school, PART A and PART B, after all signatures are obtained, should be sent to the District Vice President to begin the District approval process.