

Pinellas County Schools

Mid-season Athletic Transfer Policy

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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)

- a. Children of active duty military whose move resulted from military orders.
- b. Student relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 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 district’s Director of Athletics determines all Hardship appeals. The following items will need to be submitted to the Director of Athletics prior to appeal; a signed notarized Pinellas County Athletic participation packet and a letter of hardship stating the reason for the appeal signed by parent or guardian. Once all the completed paperwork has been submitted, a written decision by the committee will be given within 5 school days. This decision of the committee will be final.