

**Enrollment and Eligibility Process for Home School Students
Wanting to Participate in Buncombe County High Schools Athletic Programs**

1. A home school student is eligible to become dual enrolled and participate in athletics at the high school level in Buncombe County Schools only if their domicile is located within the administrative boundaries of Buncombe County Schools. Home school students can become dual enrolled and participate in athletics only within the LEA that their unit of residence is located.
2. Home school students must become dual enrolled in Buncombe County Schools following the enrollment and assignment procedures/policies established by the Buncombe County Board of Education. Additionally, home school students must submit/complete or adhere to the following:
 - a. Must present a home school card from the Division of Non-Public Education for the previous and current years as well as a transcript, attendance record, and record of immunizations.
 - b. Must submit proof that the student has been enrolled in a registered home school for 365 days prior to being eligible to participate in athletics in a Buncombe County School.
 - c. Prior to the first date of practice the student must provide a nationally standardized achievement test, taken within the last year, which indicates the overall grade level proficiency of the student. If the grade level indicated by the test is below the grade level for the year it was taken (determined by ninth grade entry date) then the student is ineligible for the current semester.
 - d. Must participate in a class schedule within a Buncombe County School that is at least one half of the assigned school's instructional day. Further, at least one class shall be taken on campus.
 - e. Must take a minimum of two home school classes each semester that have been pre-approved by student's assigned Buncombe County School in order to maintain athletic eligibility after the initial semester. Dual enrolled students must continue to meet NCHSAA academic standards of attaining a minimum of three academic credits each semester and must meet Buncombe County School's promotion standards at the end of each academic year.
 - f. To maintain athletic eligibility the dual enrolled student must pass all Buncombe County School's classes that he/she is enrolled in.

- g. Once dual enrolled and deemed eligible to participate in athletics at a Buncombe County School, the student must maintain continuous dual enrollment. Failure to maintain continuous dual enrollment would render the student ineligible at all NCHSAA member schools for 365 days.
- h. Home school students must notify in writing the Principal or Principal's designee of their intent to try out for an athletic team at least ten days prior to the first practice date of the sport season they wish to participate in. Eligibility would be pending for this athlete until the enrollment process is verified complete and the athlete has been determined to be eligible. A student who does not meet this ten day requirement is ineligible for that sport season.
- i. Dual enrolled students must meet all other applicable NCHSAA rules and Buncombe County athletic policies/rules to be eligible for athletic participation at a Buncombe County School (e.g. – Age of Player, Eight Semester Rule, Medical Examination, Proof of Residence, Felony Policy, Policy 4354 regarding drugs and alcohol, etc.).
- j. A dual enrolled student in a Buncombe County School that transitions to and becomes a fully enrolled student will then be governed by NCHSAA rules regarding fully enrolled students.

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