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Delegate Assembly Caucus Items – October 20, 2014

Please discuss these items within your league and make sure your Delegate Assembly representative is aware of any feedback prior to the meeting on October 20. Contact the OSAA Executive Staff with questions.

1) RECIPROCAL TRANSFERS and OPEN ENROLLMENT

Current OSAA policy allows a student who transfers between school years under the terms of a reciprocal transfer (inter-district) agreement and maintains a Joint Residence to be eligible (the student is released by the resident school district superintendent and is accepted by the receiving school district superintendent).

Current OSAA policy prohibits a student who transfers between school years under Open Enrollment (HB 3681) from being eligible for one calendar year (the student is not released by the resident school district superintendent but is accepted by the receiving school district superintendent).

Should the OSAA maintain its current policy regarding Open Enrollment transfers?

2) SOLO MUSIC EXCEPTIONS

Current OSAA Music Eligibility rules state that a music student shall be enrolled in the class of the appropriate performing ensemble in order to be eligible for the Solo Music State Championships. (e.g. string player in an orchestra class, brass player in a band class, vocalist in a choir class)

Some exceptions to this requirement are allowed for students at Associate Member Charter schools and when no appropriate performing ensemble is available, provided that permission is granted by the principal of the school the student wishes to represent. However, the principal isn't allowed to grant an exception for a student who chooses to take an AP class the same period as the band class or for a student at an Associate Member school that isn't a charter school. This has put the OSAA in the less than ideal position of allowing an exception for some students who don't participate in the music program at the school of representation while denying an exception to others.

Should the OSAA require that a music student be enrolled in the appropriate music class with no exceptions?

Should the OSAA allow the principal of the school the student wishes to represent to make any exception they deem appropriate?

3) USA FOOTBALL "HEADS UP" CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

The Executive Board had a first reading in September about adding a requirement for all football coaches to be annually certified through the USA Football "Heads Up" program. Elements of this program can already be found in the new practice model implemented this year. Each school offering football would designate one football coach as the Player Safety Coach and have that coach certified through the USA Football "Heads Up" program. The Player Safety Coach would then be required to train and annually recertify all members of the school's football coaching staff using both on-field and online instruction. There is a cost for each coach that has not yet been finalized but would most likely be \$20 or less. One potential benefit is that the concussion education and heat acclimatization information included in the "Heads Up" program would satisfy those coaching certification requirements as well.

Should the OSAA require USA Football "Heads Up" Certification annually for all football coaches?