



## Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director  
Lauren Brownrigg, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Transfer-Eligibility Task Force

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force held its first meeting at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville and via Zoom on October 3, 2024. The Task Force will be utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar.

After the Task Force introductions, the group received a review of the charge, a review of the timeline, and an explanation of the meeting procedure. The reviews were conducted by Peter Weber (OSAA Executive Director).

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force was created at the request of the Executive Board to explore the following topics:

- Thorough review of current OSAA transfer/eligibility rules and policies.
- Unintended and/or disproportionate impact of transfer/eligibility rules on various student populations
- Ways to better track school data regarding transfers (eligible and ineligible), school representation, etc.
- Strategies to address the increasing number of transfers.
- Consideration of policies in effect in other states as it relates to transfers/eligibility rules.
- Interdistrict/reciprocal transfer policies
- School representation rule, including Associate Member schools.
- Sub-varsity participation by ineligible transfers
- Transfers with affiliation, including students returning to a school previously attended.
- Plus, any other topics deemed relevant by the Task Force
- The Task Force may forward recommendations for modifications to the OSAA Executive Board.

The OSAA Executive Director (Peter Weber) presented a detailed explanation of the current OSAA transfer-eligibility rules, processes, and fielded clarification questions from the Task Force. From that information, the Task Force was able to discuss overall philosophy as well as current concerns, ranging from rules regarding home school students, magnet schools, and the hardship waiver committee process. The Task Force concluded there is a lack of accurate data about transfers in the state and will review ways to gather this data in the future. In addition, the Task Force requested the following information for future meetings:

- NFHS Section 7/8 State Transfer Rules
- Colorado & New Jersey State Transfer Rules
- Current OSAA Hardship Waiver Data
- District Transfer Policies & Data (general, those that play sports, demographics)
- Oregon State Laws Related to Transferring Schools

The Task Force requested that the staff develop questions for the October 7 Delegate Assembly meeting to ask the constituents their thoughts pertaining to general transfer eligibility rules.

The Task Force will continue meeting throughout the 2024-25 school year. The next meeting will take place on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Lauren Brownrigg ([Laurenb@osaa.org](mailto:Laurenb@osaa.org)) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.** The Task Force will keep the OSAA Executive Board up to date on their work during the process.

A future list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Weber ([Peterw@osaa.org](mailto:Peterw@osaa.org)) or Lauren Brownrigg ([LaurenB@osaa.org](mailto:LaurenB@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.