



Academic Hardship Rule: A high school student who, because of circumstances beyond his/her control such as broken home conditions, death of parents or guardian, abandonment or other exceptional circumstances, does not pass the required number of credits the previous semester may be declared eligible by the Executive Director provided a member school administrator petitions the Executive Director for a waiver of the academic eligibility rule. If the waiver of the academic eligibility rule is approved by the Executive Director under the foregoing circumstances, he/she shall be eligible provided he/she meets all other eligibility requirements. Appeals on Petitions for Waiver of the Academic Rule under the Academic Hardship Rule shall be acted upon by the MHSA Executive Board at any regular or expedited meeting. If an expedited hearing is requested, individuals must pay the non-refundable expedited fee.

Name of School Submitting Request:	
Name of Student:	
Student's Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY	Student's Grade Level in Current Year: Fr/So/Jr/Sr
Current School Year: _____ - _____	Date Student Enrolled in This School: MM/DD/YYYY

Reason for the waiver of the academic eligibility rule:

- **Reporting of Grades** - The MHSA requires the school's administration to submit bi-weekly grade reports. These reports must be submitted on the 15th and 30th of each month during the semester.
- **Academic Progress Requirements** - To remain eligible for participation, the student must pass ***all*** their classes. If the student is failing any class at the time of the grade review, they will not be eligible to participate in any high school activities for the remainder of the semester. A letter grade or pass/fail must be reported for each class.
- **Declaration of Ineligibility** – The MHSA Executive Director has the authority to declare a student ineligible for participation for the remainder of the semester if the student is failing a class, if the school reports concerns related to attendance or discipline, or if any other school or MHSA requirements are not met.

As an approved administrator of this student's school, I have read carefully the foregoing petition and hereby:

Disapprove the Waiver ☐

Administrator Signed: _____ Date _____