



WIAA Rules 18.0.0 – 19.0.0

Many appeals are denied because the student, parents or school do not provide documents to support their claims of hardship or the hardship does not meet the basis for a hardship. The burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne by the student.

Waivers of eligibility regulations shall be considered for:

- Extenuating, unique and/or new circumstances
 - Circumstances must be different from those that exist for the majority or even a small minority of students
- Beyond the student's or where applicable, the parent's or legal guardians control
 - Not the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit
- Deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the cause of the students non-compliance

Eligibility requirements are typically not waived for:

- Academic or athletic deficiencies in a school including Running start for private school students
- Execution and/or decision to transfer was for athletic purposes or motivated by a desire to gain an athletic outcome
- Circumstances that are the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit
- Usual maturation problems or family situations
- Loss of eligibility in itself or an injury
- Transportation when attending school outside of school of residence

There shall be a direct, causal relationship between the alleged hardship and the student's inability to meet the specific eligibility rules.

- Time Frame corresponds with indicated hardship
- Direct correlation between the situation that caused the hardship and the timing of the transfer
- Circumstances or hardship were not in existence when initial choice was made to attend the school and was not something the family chose or was foreseeable

Financial Hardship

Required prior to appeal hearing scheduled (if transfer is from a Private School or involving expenses attached to school).

Meeting with the Business office at PREVIOUS SCHOOL documented by Financial Hardship form (Page 2 of this packet).

The following are examples of documents that would be important and are **suggested** in supporting a financial hardship:

- Demonstrating a family's loss of income due to employment or other issues:
 - W-2 forms / Income Tax Returns
 - Pay stubs
 - Letter from employer
- Demonstrating an increase in expenses
 - Letters indicating additional costs
 - Copies of bills
- Demonstrating unexpected bills
 - Medical bills
 - Property Loss documentation
 - Other

When a family chooses to enroll their student in a non-resident, they choose to accept the expenses and commitments associated. The eligibility committee will be looking for **a change in financial status** that is different or new from when the choice was made to attend the non-resident school. The situation should not be something the family chose or was reasonably foreseeable by the family.

Things that typically do not constitute a financial hardship:

- Transportation to and from school (cost of gas, car, time)
- Older siblings in college / impact on siblings
- Running Start



Financial Hardship

Required Meeting with Business Office at Previous School (If a Private School or involving expenses attached to school)

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Date Student Enrolled: _____ Date of Financial Meeting: _____

School Finance Information:

Cost of Tuition (prior to Financial Hardship): _____

Current Cost of Tuition and any Additional Expenses: _____

Financial Assistance Provided: _____

Additional Information: _____

- Attach Relevant Documentation (Tuition Assistance award letter or similar)

Yes **No** - School is aware of the Financial Hardship

Yes **No** – School has offered Financial Assistance to the degree they are able

School Business Staff: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____



Student Name: _____ School: _____

State, in your own words and in detail, what hardship condition exists that has prevented you from complying with the WIAA eligibility regulations. **Please include a clear, concise and detailed timeline of events to demonstrate the relationship between the hardship and your declaration of ineligibility.**

I have attached relevant documents and/or statements (initial): _____

Student: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____ School: _____

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Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____