



**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

**Season Limitations Hardship**

**Required prior to appeal hearing scheduled. Needs to be included in the packet provided to the Eligibility Chair.**

- Academic Plan Documentation (page 2 of this packet)**

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

- Documents that demonstrate that hardship has a direct connection to the inability to complete eligibility in 4 years.
  - Medical records
  - IEP / 504 / reports of evaluation
  - Letters from licensed health care providers with diagnosis and treatment.

The eligibility committee will be looking for a direct relationship between the hardship presented and the inability to participate in athletics for 4 consecutive years.

Things that do not constitute a season limitations hardship:

- Poor grades
- Family choice (repeating a grade, non-participation, etc.)
- Opportunity to participate in 4 years of athletics during high school years



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Credits Required for Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits Student Has Earned to Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Needed to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_ School Schedule:  TRIMESTER  SEMESTER

List specific classes/credits student needs to graduate. **STUDENT MUST ATTACH: Complete Full School Year Class Schedule as well as Current Progress/Grades.**

Class	Credit Value
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Total** (Credits Student is Currently Enrolled In): \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Monitored By: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Student Will Complete Requirements (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Academic Counselor/Principal\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athletic Director\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*



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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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