



***SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION***

***2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT***

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

*To Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections B and C of the SDHSAA By-Laws*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Brookings School District  
Name of Member School

5/12/25  
Date

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Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

**Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.**

**BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025**

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
AMENDMENT #3**

**Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections B and C of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:**

- B. ~~If the parents of a student move to the district of a different high school, a student's eligibility is not affected by a transfer to that high school. When two or more public high schools are operated within the same district, the attendance boundaries set up by the board of education of the district shall be considered the boundaries of the public schools within the district for the application of this rule. Students shall be eligible at the first school they choose to enroll in following a bona-fide move once the sit out period listed in Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsection A of the By-Laws is completed if they are not enrolled at the beginning of the semester. However, if a student participates in one or more SDHSAA tournaments or play-off games at the sub-state level at the school previously attended, said student would be ineligible at the new school in that sport even though the parents complete a move. All eligibility rules, age, enrollment, eight semester rule, and scholastic/academic eligibility rules shall apply.~~

**NOTE:** In order to be determined "bona-fide", the following minimum conditions must be met:

1. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; that is sold, rented or disposed of as a residence, and must not be used as a residence by any member of the family.
2. The entire family, including minor siblings, must make the change and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.
3. The change must be made with the intent that it be permanent.
4. The entire family must physically reside at the residence for the duration of the student's enrollment.
5. In school districts with multiple high schools; if the parents/legal guardians and the student move back, within one year, to the residence in the school district from whence they moved, the student will be eligible only at the high school which the student attended prior to any change of residence.

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6. The move must be out of the boundaries of the school district of the original residence or attendance center area (if you live in School District A, you must move outside of the boundaries of School District A for it to be considered a bona fide move). Districts without boundary areas (private/federal schools) use the boundaries of the district the parent/guardian resides in.
- C. The eligibility of a student remaining in a school district is not affected when his/her parents move to another district and the student continues participation in the initial school district. (Example- student attends school in school district A, parents move to school district B and student remains enrolled at the school in school district A. Student remains eligible at school A).

**Rationale:** The language change in Section B stipulates that a move must be out of the district/attendance center area the parent/guardian lives in and eliminates the situation of a move across the street or a move to a different apartment within the same complex as being a bona fide move. The hardship process to waive the transfer rule exists for extenuating circumstances where warranted.

The language change in Section D is clarifying language to note that if a family moves and the student remains enrolled in the current school, eligibility is not affected.