



HOPE Academy Sports Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Guidelines and Extra-Curricular Activities

HOPE Academy is designated as a non-sport school by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and therefore, students are eligible to participate at other schools, or they can apply to participate with Collegiate Academy. HOPE Academy is sponsored by Collegiate Academy and they have offered to allow our students to try-out and participate in their 9-12th grade athletics programs. Participation indicated above will need to follow the guidelines below.

1. Students are eligible to participate with their own school district of **residence** (their neighborhood school) or with their school of **attendance** (Jefferson County School District).
2. Students have eight (8) semesters of high school eligibility. The first semester of their freshman year begins the CHSAA eligibility for all students. This timeframe begins whether or not a student participates in sports during their early years of high school.
3. If a student chooses to skip 8th grade and begin high school, the student must be labeled as a high school student and then can only participate in high school sports programs or activities. They would then be ineligible to continue into an 8th grade program of any kind.
4. If/when a student attending HOPE Academy chooses to participate in a sport or activity program, a 'Verification and Information Form' must be completed and approved by the administrator of HOPE. This form provides the necessary information to 'excuse' student absences during the period of the specific sport or activity. If absences occur regularly during a class period (for practices, games or performances) it will be necessary to discuss these absences with the administrator in order to determine class placement or removal from a class due to excessive absences. As the HOPE Academy classes only meet on specific days of the week, schedule changes or removal from a class may be necessary if the student may miss a high percentage of the coursework.
5. A weekly 'Attendance/Grade Eligibility Report' will be required for students in all levels of sports or other activities, while participating (as per CHSAA rules). This will be provided to the individual school weekly, where the student will be participating. The CHSAA requirements must be followed for any student whose grades fall below the eligibility level, potentially rendering them ineligible.

Additional Guidelines and Information That Must be Considered and/or Followed are:

1. **Missing Classes for Practices or Games** -- As HOPE Academy classes are only on specific days of the week, it is highly recommended that students make arrangements to be in class at HOPE as much as possible while participating in sports programs so as to not miss an excessive number of class days. It is recommended that a student inform their coach regarding their responsibility to be in class, or discuss options with the administrator prior to missing multiple class days.
2. **The Colorado High School Activities Constitution and Bylaws** -- Can be found at chsaanow.com/tools/bylaws
3. **The Colorado High School Activities Association Handbook** -- Can be found at chsaa.org/home/pdf/StateStauteHandbook.pdf