

Explanation of the FHSAA EL7 Form

1. The FHSAA is an enforcement/governing organization. Its job is to create a “level playing field” for all high school athletes, so that every student has an opportunity to play high school sports in a fair and competitive environment. If there were no Bylaws governing eligibility, recruiting would be rampant and there would be little opportunity for relatively good players to develop their skills on a high school athletic team. Schools that recruit players are penalized and fined for breaking the Bylaws.

The FHSAA Bylaws and the enforcement of them protect home education students and their teams. Having a level playing field allows students to develop their talents and have the opportunity to compete for state championships. Enforcement is difficult, and often misunderstood, but is necessary to protect the integrity of high school athletics.

2. The FHSAA is trying to lessen the number of hours it takes to determine eligibility for each individual home education student. The FHSAA asks for additional information to make those determinations easier. Some of the educational services or vendors that have been reviewed are listed in this document. It takes time to make these determinations on a fair and equitable basis. The EL7 form is not designed to require additional information from home education students, rather to simplify the process and obtain enough information to verify their compliance with state statute and the FHSAA Bylaws.

3. Participation in FHSAA athletics is a privilege, not a right, as determined by the courts. Home education students are given the opportunity to participate, but they must meet the same eligibility requirements as other students in public and private schools. As an example, any public, private or home education student who does not have the required GPA is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. All students have to comply with the Florida Statutes and the FHSAA Bylaws to be eligible to participate.

Guide for Completing the FHSAA EL7 Form {Address questions to eligibility@fhsaa.org}

Please read this information very carefully and in its entirety. This is very important and needs to be done correctly for your child to participate in any FHSAA sport program even if they are in a Home Education Cooperative. All forms must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director, along with any applicable transcript or record of grades. The “Registration Form” is one of the forms used for registering the intent to participate in interscholastic athletics at an FHSAA member school. The forms must be submitted to the school before your child can participate in ANY official practice session.

It is highly recommended that the student begin participating on the first day of practice, to be conditioned, trained and ready to play. You can locate the date of the first practice and first week of regular season competition on the FHSAA Calendar for each sport. However, all information must be submitted to the school PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION in the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate.

You will need one form for each child who is participating and the form only needs to be submitted one time per school at which the student participates.

“Registration Form”

Section A:

1. Give correct information including your child’s school grade level for the school year in which he/she is going to participate.
2. Provide the name of the county in which the student resides and is registered with as a home education student.

Attach the completed “Verification of Student Registration with Public School District Home Education Office” form (EL7V Form), and if applicable, the “Verification of Student Controlled Open Enrollment Option with Public School District or Charter /Lab School Board” form (EL14 Form).

Note: Controlled Open Enrollment is an option whereby any student could choose to attend a different public school pursuant to § 1002.31, F.S. Home education students must meet the same criteria as a traditional student would to take advantage of this option, i.e. there may be deadlines that apply and space must be available. The EL14 Form (“Verification of Student Controlled Open Enrollment Option with Public School District or Charter/Lab School Board”) is required for a student to take advantage of this option.

3. Provide the name of the public (including charter and lab schools) or private school or name of a home school cooperative (as recognized by the FHSAA, which is considered a private school) for which your child will be participating and provide answers relative to they type of school.

List the sport(s) that your child is interested in participating in this year. Make sure to consider all of the sports your child might consider participating in as once this form is completed and notarized the sport(s) listed is/are the only sport(s) your child can participate in without having to re-do this form at a later date.

4. Provide the school grade level for the previous school year.
 - a. If your child attended a public or private school last year, select the first choice and give the requested information.
 - b. If your child was registered in a home education program last year, select the second choice and provide the name of the county (or state if different from Florida)
5. Enter the date he/she started 9th grade for the first time. If the student is a middle/junior high school student, leave this blank.

A high school student has only 4 years of eligibility, commencing with the school year in which the student enter the 9th grade for the first. A middle/junior high school student has one and only one year of eligibility per grade level . The FHSAA Bylaws do not allow a student to be retained for any reason for grades 6 - 8. Since no student is eligible for high school athletics if the student reaches the age of 19 before September 1st of any school year*, retention most certainly will jeopardize the student's eligibility at the end of his school career.

* for students entering 9th grade for the first time in 2013-14 or earlier, the student must not have reached the age of 19 years, 9 months.

Answer "Yes" or "No" about maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in all their subjects since entering 9th grade or earning a 2.0 or higher the previous semester for middle/junior high school students.

Section B:

Indicate whether the courses being listed are for the first semester (for the fall and winter sports) or the second semester (for the spring sports).

List each subject the student will be taking and check where the courses/services are originating from.

- a. solely by the parent (i.e. the parent/legal guardian is doing all of the teaching)
- b. from a public or private school (identify the school)
- c. through Florida Virtual School (FLVS) or a District Virtual School (this is not the Florida Virtual School-Full Time Public Program)
- d. through Dual Enrollment with a college or university (identify the college or university; the student must be registered as a home education student with the college or university)
- e. or other (i.e. out of state correspondence schools, out of state online schools, etc. and identify)

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

If the student must register with a school in order to be able to take a course at a school, then that school becomes the only school that student can represent (this school may not meet the requirements of the statute and might render the student ineligible). Additionally, a student cannot have registered intent at more than one school at a time; this would render the student ineligible. If the student is taking 50% or more of their courses at a single school, public or private, or an online service other than Florida Virtual School (FLVS), or if records are being kept by any other type school, umbrella school, etc., that has a Florida DOE school number, then the student may not be a home education student and the student is considered to be attending that school and may not be eligible to participate in any FHSAA activities. It is not based on whether the school supplies curriculum, but on whether they are keeping your records for attendance, transcripts, diplomas, and have a Florida DOE school number as private school.

Some families have made the decision to withdraw their students from programs that are "600, umbrella schools," or schools that provide other services in order for their children to be able to continue in athletics.

If you are receiving Educational Services (not just curriculum) from any of the following programs, please answer 'yes' and provide the information requested for (a).

- A Beka Academy (home education option, only);
- Any out-of-state correspondence schools (i.e. American School, Calvert, Alpha Omega Academy, Bob Jones Academy, etc.)

For all schools or programs listed above, the answer to (b) will be 'no' and (c) will be 'yes'; and (d) will be 'yes' if you will be receiving a diploma from them.

Section C:

Notarized Signatures: Both student and a parent/legal guardian must have their signatures on the EL7 Form notarized. Read this section carefully. Notice that when you sign, you are swearing that the information you are providing is accurate. Please read and correctly fill out everything on this form. **YOU MUST SIGN THIS FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY.**

Documentation from a school district: The official FHSAA “Verification of Student Registration with Public School District Home Education Office” form (EL7V Form, this form is for the county in which the student resides) and the “Verification of Student Controlled Open Enrollment Option with Public School District or Charter/Lab School Board” (EL14 Form, this form is for the county in which the wishes to participate) can be downloaded from the FHSAA website along with the EL7 form. These forms should be printed out by the parent/legal guardian, completed and authorized by the appropriate school district. Contact the school district to find out the quickest way to get this form authorized (i.e. deliver it in person or fax it to them along with your request). However, you may need to send your request and the form by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope for them to return the authorized form to you. Be sure you get this form to them as soon as you know your child wants to participate in FHSAA athletics, so that you can meet the deadline for submission of the required forms.

Transcripts or Records of Grades:

A transcript, record or grade report must contain a list of courses taken at a specific school, or through home education, at certain grade levels, and the grade the student earned in that course.

Florida Statute 1006.15(3)(a)(1) does require a 2.0 GPA for all students participating in extracurricular activities. The cumulative GPA in grades 9 – 12 is tied to the requirements for high school graduation in § 1003.4282, F.S. for public school students. A GPA is calculated by converting all grades to a numerical system. The grading scale is set by §1003.437, F.S., and the FHSAA is required to follow this statute.

For the purpose of athletic participation, the **unweighted** regular grading system must be used (bonus points for honors, AP or IB courses is not permitted). There is a “transcript” or “High School Record” at the end of this document is for use for grades 9 – 12. For students in grades 6 – 8 and for reporting grades for the 1st semester of grades 9 – 12, use the EL 9 Form (available from the FHSAA website).

Generally, the parent will give a grade in the subjects taught in a home education program, unless they use a curriculum or are taking classes through a public or private school, dual enrollment, a distant learning program or FLVS, which provides grades. Most grading in traditional schools is subjective and comparative, except for math. To determine the standard for an “A,” the teacher generally has to read 5 to 10 papers or assignments. For an individual home educated student that is not possible. The parent usually knows whether the student is an A, B, or C student. If a student completes all assignments correctly and quickly, he is probably an “A” student. Students who get most of the assignment correct the first time are probably “B” students. If your child is struggling academically, perhaps he/she needs to spend their time on academics and not extracurricular activities. That is the legislative rationale behind requiring a 2.0 GPA for participation in high school athletics.

If your child is currently in high school, you will need to provide their high school subjects, grades, and GPA for each grade level since the student entered the 9th grade. A **cumulative** GPA of 2.0 is required for juniors and seniors according to s. 1006.15(3)(a)(3) F.S. A sample is provided at the end of this document. Students entering 9th grade for the first time need not submit any transcript or record of grades until the conclusion of the first semester; use the EL9 Form to report grades for the 1st semester.

If your child is currently in the 6th through 8th grades, you will need to provide their middle/junior high school subjects, grades, and GPA for the previous semester only. Students entering 6th grade for the first time need not submit any transcript or record of grades until the conclusion of the first semester. Use the EL 9 Form to report these grades.

At any time a student earns a grade through a source other than that solely by the parent/legal guardian, private tutor, or home education group, this must be documented from the issuing institution (i.e. public or private school, FLVS, college or university, correspondence school, etc.) and noted on the transcript or “High School Record”.

District documentation must match the institution providing the transcript. For example, if courses were taken in a home education program, then the district documentation must confirm registration in a home education program for those grade levels. Official transcripts from a private or public school will document enrollment in those schools.

High School Record

If subjects were taken at an institution which provides transcripts, those transcripts must be provided.

Student's full name: _____ Birth Date {mm/dd/yy}: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Street Address	Apt. #	City	Zip Code
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Phone: (_____) _____

Grade/Year	Subject	Grade Earned	Point Value	
9th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum. GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

Grade/Year	Subject	Grade Earned	Point Value	
10th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum. GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

Grade/Year	Subject	Grade Earned	Point Value	
11th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum. GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

Signed: _____ Date {mm/dd/yy}: ____/____/____
(Parent/Guardian signature)



Florida High School Athletic Association Registration Form for Home Education Student

The student and parent/guardian must complete, sign in the presence of notary public and submit this form to the school at which the student wishes to participate **prior to participation** in the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate and only needs to be submitted one time per school. **Address questions to eligibility@fhsaa.org.**

SECTION A:

- Name of student _____ Birth Date {mm/dd/yy} ____/____/____ Grade in school ____th
Home address _____ Home phone number (____) _____
- Student resides in and is legally registered as a home education student in the _____ County School District
- Student wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics at {name of school} _____
This is the public school the student is zoned to attend [___ Yes][___ No] This school a private school [___ Yes][___ No]
If “No” for both of the above, was an EL14 Form provided to the school listed in #3? [___ Yes][___ No]
Student wishes to participate in the following sport(s) at this school _____
(list all)
- Student was enrolled in the ____th grade during the previous school year at {check and complete the one that applies}:
____ {name of school} _____ in {city} _____
____ A home education program in the _____ County School District
- Student first entered the 9th grade on, if applicable {mm/dd/yy} ____/____/____
This student has maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale since entering 9th grade **OR**
the previous semester for (for grade 6 – 8) [___ Yes][___ No]

Transcript or Record of Grades Must be Attached. Transcripts or records must include all schools attended whether public, private, online, home education or other. Grades must be calculated using the “alpha” system (A, B, C, D and F). In determining the cumulative grade point average (GPA) for purposes of academic eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition, the following grading scale as mandated by § 1003.437, F.S., must be used: grade “A” is 90 to 100 percent and has a GPA value of 4; grade “B” is 80 to 89 percent and has a GPA value of 3; grade “C” is 70 to 79 percent and has a GPA value of 2; grade “D” is 60 to 69 percent and has a GPA value of 1; and grade “F” is 0 to 59 percent and has a GPA value of 0. If the student has not yet entered the 9th grade, attach a copy of the previous semester transcript or record of grades.

SECTION B:

The above student is enrolled in the following courses for the [___] first semester of the current school year (**for fall and winter sports**) **OR** for the [___] second semester of the current school year (**for spring sports**):

Subject (list each)	Location where each course is taken
1. _____	[] solely by parent [] public or private school _____ <small>(identify school)</small>
[] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____	<small>(identify college/university)</small> [] other _____ <small>(identify)</small>
2. _____	[] solely by parent [] public or private school _____ <small>(identify school)</small>
[] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____	<small>(identify college/university)</small> [] other _____ <small>(identify)</small>
3. _____	[] solely by parent [] public or private school _____ <small>(identify school)</small>
[] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____	<small>(identify college/university)</small> [] other _____ <small>(identify)</small>
4. _____	[] solely by parent [] public or private school _____ <small>(identify school)</small>
[] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____	<small>(identify college/university)</small> [] other _____ <small>(identify)</small>
5. _____	[] solely by parent [] public or private school _____ <small>(identify school)</small>
[] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____	<small>(identify college/university)</small> [] other _____ <small>(identify)</small>



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6. _____ [] solely by parent [] public or private school _____
(identify school)
 [] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____ [] other _____
(identify college/university) (identify)
7. _____ [] solely by parent [] public or private school _____
(identify school)
 [] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____ [] other _____
(identify college/university) (identify)
8. _____ [] solely by parent [] public or private school _____
(identify school)
 [] FLVS or Dist. Virtual School [] dual enrollment _____ [] other _____
(identify college/university) (identify)

Is the student receiving any form of educational services from any other school (i.e. a correspondence school, "umbrella school", other online school, etc.) other than home education as defined in § 1002.41, Florida Statutes? [___ Yes][___ No]

If yes, answer the following (*use reverse side if more than one school*):

(a) Name, address and phone number of the school providing the student with these services:

(b) Are attendance records kept for this student? [___ Yes][___ No]

(c) Are transcripts kept for this student? [___ Yes][___ No]

(d) Will this student be awarded a diploma? [___ Yes][___ No]

Section C:

I/we understand that through this document that I/we are registering our intent to participate in interscholastic athletics only in the sport(s) listed above for this member school of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). I/we, therefore, agree that this student will be subject to and abide by all FHSAA rules, as well as the regulations of the school, pertaining to interscholastic athletic participation. I/we understand that if this student attends one school and participates in the interscholastic athletic program sponsored by another school, the student may be ineligible and may cause the team of which he/she is a member to forfeit contests and honors won. I/we understand that a student is considered to represent a team in competition if the student is dressed in uniform and available to participate in a contest. **I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the information provided and statements made on this form and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.**

_____ / _____ Signature of Student Date	STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____
_____ Printed Name of Student	Sworn to or affirmed before me on {date} _____ [Notary Seal:]
_____ / _____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date	_____ Signature of Notary
_____ Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	_____ Printed Name of Notary
	NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: _____, 20 _____.
	Personally known to me _____
	OR Produced Identification _____
	Type of Identification Produced _____

Signatures of student and parent/legal guardian must be notarized. Student transcripts or records of grades must be attached.



Florida High School Athletic Association Verification of Student Registration with Public School District Home Education Office

Section A of this form must be completed by student's parent/legal guardian. Section B must be completed by the School District Home Education Office Coordinator and the completed form must be presented to the school at which the student wishes to participate. This form must be completed each year. Address questions to eligibility@fhsaa.org.

Section A: To Be Completed By the Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)

TO: Florida High School Athletic Association Office of Eligibility and Compliance Services

FOR: _____ County School District Home Education Office

FROM: _____
Name of Parent/Guardian E-mail Address

RE: Student {student's full name} _____
 Student's Date of Birth {mm/dd/yy} ____/____/____
 Home Address _____
Street Address City Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number (____) _____

(Note: This document must be completed for the county in which the student resides. § 1002.41, F.S.)

Section B: To Be Completed By the School District Home Education Office Staff

Name of County _____

Our records reflect that this student has been registered with the Home Education Office in this school district since:

{original date of registration} _____, 20____

This student's annual evaluations have been submitted in accordance with applicable statutes and guidelines and he/she remains on active status:

[___ Yes][___ No] Date: _____, 20____

This student is a new Home Education student, the date of his/her annual elvaluation will be: _____, 20____

If you have questions or need additional information concerning this matter, please call the School District Home Education Office at:

{telephone number} (_____) _____

Signature of District Home Education Coordinator / Date

Printed Name of District Home Education Coordinator

e-mail Address of District Home Education Coordinator

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