

- A. Marching Band includes ~~majorettes and flag corps~~ color guard/winter guard.
- B. Students in grades 9– 12 (high schools) declared ineligible under the provisions of Policy 6860J may request one appeal per school year. Appeals approved are good for that school year.
1. Parent/guardian or the student may initiate the appeal process by making a written request to the principal of the school.
  2. The principal will decide and notify the parent/guardian in writing of the decision.
  3. If the appeal is approved the student must comply with the monitored contract as determined and outlined by the school. Any breach of contract will be dealt with at the school and may result in immediate cancellation of the appeal approval.
  4. Athletes ~~and cheerleaders~~ whose school level appeals are denied may appeal by writing a letter and sending it to the senior administrator for athletics for a decision.
  5. Students participating in non-athletic activities whose school level appeals are denied may appeal by writing ~~the board~~ a letter and sending it to the appropriate area superintendent for a decision.
  6. The decision of the senior administrator for athletics or the area superintendent shall be final except where a parent/guardian demonstrates a right to appeal to the Board of Education under G.S. 115C-45(c).
- C. According to NCHSAA guidelines, an eighth grader who is overage for middle school competition shall be eligible for senior high school participation. The students will be eligible to play only at the high school that the Office of Growth Management has them scheduled to attend for the current school year.
- D. **Student Assignment Plan and Athletics:**

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1. Each year students may participate in the Student Assignment Plan within the established dates for the selection process, and may participate in interscholastic athletics if they attend one of their choice high schools.
  2. After going through the Student Assignment Plan Process, each WCPSS high school student shall have one high school as their official assignment for that school year, which will be designated as the student's Interscholastic Athletic Participation High School (hereafter referred to as a student's "sports school"). The sports school shall be the school to which a student in WCPSS is assigned as of the first official day of school, or the first day to which a student in WCPSS attends official fall practice under the NCHSAA rules, whichever occurs first.
  3. There may be a change of sports schools if the student's assignment changes due to a change of residence, except for the following Board Policy. Board Policy 6860 says, "Students in grades 9 - 12 (high schools) participating in interscholastic athletics may not participate at a second school in WCPSS in the same sport season, unless participation is approved by the Senior Administrator for Athletics as the Superintendent's designee."
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