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Dear Parent of Non-Traditional Student

(Home School, Charter School, Alternative School Non-Member Private, Florida Virtual School or Osceola Virtual School)

We here at the School District of Osceola County want to provide you and your family an opportunity to be aware of the procedures that are set forth by our state athletic association (FHSAA) and their requirements that need to be completed prior to your child participating in athletics for our county.

A student: (a) the student must register his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletics as a representative of the school before any participation is allowed to begin. Please visit Aktivate.com to complete your online athletic clearance.

Approved Alternative Schools - Osceola School of the Arts (OCSA), Neo City, PATHS and Zenith

Per our controlled open enrollment policy and FHSAA Rules, your child is eligible to participate in athletics at the following schools depending on the type of non-traditional student your child qualifies as.

1.) Home Education Zoned Public School, Charter or Private school (if allowed) or if they attend a minimum of 1 class period, per day, at the choice school for the entire academic school year.

2.) Charter School Zoned Public School, Charter or Private school (if allowed)

3.) Special School Any Public School within Osceola County

4.) Non-Member Private
Any Public school, charter or Private school (if allowed)
5.) FLVS Full time
Zoned Public School, Charter or Private school (if allowed)

6.) Traditional Public Any Public School within Osceola County or Private school (if allowed)

7.) Public Transfer If the student participated in a sport at their previous school, the student could continue to participate in that sport at that school for the remainder of the school year.

Are home education students eligible for interscholastic extracurricular activities?

Yes. Home education students who meet the standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities (s.1006.15 F.S.) and the requirements of the Home Education Program (s.1002.41 F.S.) are eligible.

A home education student under s. 1002.41 F.S. must submit an annual evaluation to the Superintendent or the home education designee in the county in which the student resides.

Does home education have to take place solely in the home?

No. A home education program as defined in s. 1002.01(1) must be directed by the parent. The parent must maintain the portfolio and submit the annual evaluation to the superintendent / designee's office. However, parents have many educational options from which to choose.

*There are a few steps that will need to take place before any participation may begin in practice or games for your home zoned school.

1.) All Non Traditional Students

a. You will need to register at Aktivate.com and select the school you are eligible to participate at for athletics and complete the required FHSAA documents.

2.) Home School Students only

- a. You will need to register through Aktivate.com as well as the following FHSA requirements.
- b. Completely fill out the FHSAA state required EL 7 Form (www.fhsaa.org) the form must be notarized with transcripts.
- c. Verify home address. (Driver's License, Electric Bill, Copy of lease or rental agreement with proof of payments.
- d. Upload completed packet to your Aktivate.com account

Again, please visit <u>www.fhsaa.org</u> for a complete listing of all athletic sports offered and their start times Please contact your home zoned school Athletic Director if you have any further questions.