

Parents, and the Weld RE-4 Community,

As Windsor and Severance continue to grow in size, we must make sure that we are following the law of the State of Colorado in regards to where our students can participate in sports with our schools, specifically, Colorado Revised Statute 22-32-116.5. To that end, we would like to make clear to all of our parents the guidelines in place that govern where a student can play, and what your role in that participation is.



A student can participate in any sport offered at the school he or she is attending. If a student wants to participate in a sport that is offered at their school of attendance, that student must participate at the school of attendance.

If a student is enrolled at a school that does not offer the sport that he or she would like to participate in, then that student is required, by state law, to participate in that sport within the school district of residence or school district of attendance. The Weld RE-4 School District guidelines are that students not attending Weld RE-4 schools will be highly encouraged to participate at the school in whose attendance area they reside.

Example: If an 8th grade student is enrolled in Windsor Charter Academy, but would like to participate in Football, they should go to Windsor Middle School if they live in the WMS attendance area, Severance Middle School if they live in the SMS attendance area, or Ridgeline Middle School if they live in the RMS attendance area.

In the event that a student is enrolled in a school that does not offer a sport they are interested in, and the school in whose attendance area they live does not offer that sport, then they can find a school in a neighboring school district or the nearest school to them that does offer that sport, and participate in that school.

Example: If there were a golf team offered at a District 6 Middle School, any of our Weld RE-4 students could petition that school in order to participate in their golf program. (This is a hypothetical. So far as we know, no District 6 middle school offers a golf program!)

Once a student-athlete chooses a school to participate with in middle school, they must participate with that school for the remainder of their middle school experience. If the student-athlete wants to change schools, they will need to fill out a waiver to request a change of school. This is consistent with state CHSAA policies at the high school level.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in regards to these guidelines. If you have any questions or require clarification, please feel free to reach out to any of us, and we will be more than happy to provide you with any guidance we can.

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