

## **Montgomery County R-II School District Montgomery County High School**

### **Guidelines for Non-Traditional Students who Desire Eligibility to Participate in MSHSAA Activities/Athletics**

**Classes and credits addressed in this document are only to be utilized to determine eligibility to participate in MSHSAA activities. These rules and procedures do not pertain to classes and credits being accepted by the Montgomery County R-II School District toward graduation. A more rigorous evaluation of classes and credits will be performed to count toward graduation from Montgomery County High School.**

1. Non-traditional students are defined in Section 2.3.4.b.1 and includes Home Schooled students for the purpose of this document only.
2. Non-traditional students must enroll and attend two classes (1.0 credits) each semester. Pursuant MSHSAA By-Law 2.3.4.c, these two classes must be seat-time classes taken within the school building they desire eligibility with.
3. Upon initial enrollment the building principal or designee will review past classes, academic history, credits, logs, attendance, transcripts, etc. to determine “prior semester” credit earned to determine eligibility status.
4. The building principal or designee will review current semester classes enrolled in to approve and validate “outside” courses/credits are sufficient in allowing the non-traditional student to meet the 80% rule.
5. Non-traditional students will be provided clear confirmation of MCR2 close date of the semester as this is the same timeline for completion of non-traditional students’ outside courses.
6. Non-traditional students must meet the essential eligibility standards, including the citizenship standard, semesters rule, age rule, etc. as traditional students.
7. If the non-traditional student participates in Band, Choir, etc. (classes with associated classes) they must be enrolled in the associated class in order to participate in music (other) activities.
8. All non-traditional students will be held to the same policy and standards as traditional students set forth by MCR2 student and activity handbooks.
9. Once enrolled non-traditional students must enroll in all sequential semesters to maintain eligibility.
10. Non-traditional students must provide transcripts from classes taken during the first semester by the first day of the second semester. Non-traditional students must provide transcripts for second semester classes taken within fourteen (14) calendar days of the end of the second semester to determine eligibility for the next semester. Transcripts for classes taken during the summer period are to be provided seven (7) calendar days prior to the start of the first semester. Classes not taken through a DESE accredited program will

require the student to submit for and take a written evaluation to determine level of achievement if it is a class offered by Montgomery County High School on a PASS/FAIL basis. If it is a class not offered by Montgomery County High School, the work completed or attempted for the class must be provided for Administrative evaluation utilizing the same timelines presented in this section.

- It should be noted some programs offered by MCR2 are cut sports with a tryout process. Non-traditional students will have every opportunity as traditional students to make teams in cut sports through the try-out process but no student is guaranteed a spot on any athletic team.

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