

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL
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**AFFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OSSAA RULES AFTER A
CHANGE IN RESIDENCE AND SCHOOL**

(This form is not needed when filing a hardship waiver)

On occasion, a student who has established athletic eligibility at a particular school or within a particular school district has attempted to evade OSSAA eligibility rules by falsely claiming to have moved to a new residential address that would make the student immediately eligible for continued participation at a different school. Claiming that a student has moved to a new residence for the purpose of evading OSSAA rules on eligibility, when the student and/or the student's parents or legal guardians have, in fact, continued to reside at the original address, or subsequently have returned to the original address, violates OSSAA Rule 8-6-e-(8), which states in part:

For the purposes of the Rule, a bona fide move and change of residence shall mean that:

- (i) The original residence has been sold or leased at market value in a transaction, or has been closed and emptied of personal property;
- (ii) The original residence is not being used by any family member;
- (iii) All resident family members have moved out of the original residence, and personal property associated with permanent, long-term occupancy is located in the new residence.

The receiving school shall submit documentation to OSSAA verifying that the original residence and new residence were inspected and that the family completed a bona fide move. A student whose parents maintain two or more residences in order to circumvent the resident requirements of this Rule shall not be eligible at any new school, and the student shall not be permitted to participate in athletics.

By signing this form, the student who has changed schools and is seeking immediate eligibility to participate based on a change of residence, and the student's parent(s) or legally appointed guardian acknowledge and affirm that they understand and are in compliance with OSSAA Rule 8-6-e-(8). They each also acknowledge that if it is determined that the change of residence was not actually made, or the family returns to the original residence, or that some involvement in the former residence has continued which would indicate that the change of residence was a sham, made for the purpose of evading OSSAA rules concerning eligibility after changing schools, or if they or any family member are found to have been residing in the former residence, either full-time or part-time, subsequent to a change of residence supposedly having been made, then the student shall be deemed immediately to be ineligible for further participation at any school until reinstated by OSSAA's Board of Directors. The school further may be subject to sanctions or penalties, including the possible forfeiture of previous contests or championships.

By signing this form, the undersigned principal or head of the receiving school acknowledges and affirms that he/she has investigated the student's change of residence, which included an on-site inspection of the student's new residence, and is satisfied that the student and/or the student's parent(s) or legally appointed guardian are not violating OSSAA Rule 8-2-b-(5).

Each of the undersigned also acknowledge and agree that identifying information about the above-mentioned student may be disclosed to OSSAA in connection with any investigation or inquiry concerning the student's eligibility to participate and/or any possible violation of OSSAA rules. OSSAA will undertake reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of such identifying information, provided that such information has not otherwise been publicly disclosed in some manner.

Student

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian

School

Principal or Head of Receiving School

Date

This form must be returned with the *New Student Form* to the OSSAA office for approval prior to the student participating in any athletic competition. A copy of this form also must be sent, via mail or fax, to the principal or head of the school from which the student last attended.