

## **HOME EDUCATED STUDENTS/ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

Home educated students will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at New Bedford High School if the following conditions are met:

1. The educational plan for the home educated student has been approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
2. The Headmaster has determined appropriate high school grade placement (9-12) for each home educated student in conjunction with chronological age and educational plan.
3. The student resides in the school district that serves New Bedford High School and must be living with his/her parents or legal guardians in the family residence.
4. The Headmaster is satisfied that the student meets the guidelines for athletic participation required for all other students as defined in the current MIAA Handbook. This should include, but not be limited to, those rules governing transfers, academic eligibility, age requirements, and the number of consecutive seasons of athletic eligibility beyond grade eight.
5. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/student to notify the Headmaster in writing by August 1 for fall sports, November 1 for winter sports, and March 1 for spring sports of a home educated student's desire to participate for that season.
6. MIAA requirements relative to academic eligibility must be reviewed by the Headmaster at the same times that all other student athletes are to be certified as academically eligible. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/student to make grade reports available to the Headmaster one week prior to the start of each season and one week prior to the issuance of report cards to the students at New Bedford High School.
7. If the Headmaster determines that all eligibility standards detailed above have been met, the Headmaster may declare the student immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic competition. The rights, privileges, and responsibilities associated with all other students attending MIAA members schools will apply to home educated students who have satisfied the requirements above.