

This policy was a discussion item at the Friday, April 24, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting and approved at the Monday, June 1, 2020 meeting.

Bylaw 110 Policy

It is the responsibility of each school to notify students of their consecutive semester eligibility upon entering 7th grade.

The following are non-exhaustive examples intended to provide guidance for schools, students, and families with respect to how the MSHSL applies Bylaw 110.

For purposes of illustration only, a “substantial disruption to education beyond a student’s control” may include the following:

- Physical, mental or medical condition requiring withdrawal from school due to circumstances beyond the student’s control. Withdrawal in lieu of discipline will not be considered as a reason to grant additional semester(s) of athletic eligibility;
- Family or other circumstances beyond the student’s control that result in non-attendance or non-enrollment including homelessness, mobility, or other similar circumstances;
- Students with limited or interrupted formal education (“SLIFE”).

For purposes of illustration only, a “substantial disruption to education beyond a student’s control” is **NOT** the following:

- “Medical redshirts” where a student has suffered an injury preventing participation in athletic activities but has not experienced a substantial disruption to the education experience as a whole;
- A student who has been kept out of athletic competition solely to develop skills or extend athletic eligibility;
- A student who has repeated a grade after entering 7th grade due to age, for socialization reasons, or because of a transfer to another school;
- A student who has repeated a grade after entering 7th grade despite having already received academic credit for that grade;
- A student who missed out on the ability to participate in athletic activities because the athletic activity was cancelled, in whole or in part, for any reason (e.g. natural disaster, health pandemic, emergency, lack of participants, etc.).