Prospective Transfer Student Athletes and Families:

Welcome to Madison City Schools and James Clemens. Following is important information that you should know about athletic eligibility in Alabama and Madison City.

1. The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) governs James Clemens athletic programs. AHSAA complete bylaws are available for your review at http://www.ahsaa.com/ under the link for publications.
2. All new athletes must reside inside the Madison City School James Clemens attendance zone. Students attending James Clemens on an employee petition are eligible after one year of attendance.
3. Residency will be verified to be in compliance with the AHSAA bona-fide move rules via a home visit by an administrator. The previous residence must be completely vacated by all principle members of the family. Please contact Athletic Director Rocky Smith to start the process.
4. Students must have earned a minimum of 6 total credits, and 4 core credits, while achieving an overall average of at least a 70 over the last two semesters to be eligible. Eligibility can be gained in December at the conclusion of the first semester.
5. Students with divorced parents that have joint custody, with both parents not residing inside the James Clemens attendance zone, are ineligible for one year per AHSAA rules. Please contact Athletic Director Mr. Rocky Smith for guidance as every custody agreement is worded differently.
6. Students that transfer mid-year from a 7 or 8 period per day school that awards all credits at the end of the school year (as opposed to a block system that awards credits at the end of each semester) may not have earned enough credits to be eligible. Please consult your guidance counselor and/or Mr. Smith for guidance.
7. Students must be in good standing (no unresolved disciplinary issues) at the previous school to be eligible.
8. Seniors that plan to graduate early (in December of their senior year) are not eligible to participate in sports after they complete their coursework (spring semester of senior year). Students must be enrolled in classes to participate.

This list is not intended to be a complete reflection of the eligibility requirements, but a synopsis of the most frequently asked questions about eligibility of transfer student athletes. Please consult Athletic Director Mr. Rocky Smith at rsmith@madisoncity.k12.al.us or (256) 216-5313 with questions, for more information, and to start the residency verification process. Please refer to the bylaws of the AHSAA at the aforementioned link for more detailed information.

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