

From: Joe Baird jbaird123@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Tuesday MCA Board Meeting
Date: May 24, 2018 at 3:40 PM
To: Chuck Marshall cmarshall@masonacademy.com
Cc: Sarah Baird sbaird76@gmail.com, David Hull dhull@masonacademy.com, Kelly Lichter klichter@masonacademy.com



Mr. Marshall,

It's a simple question really, and as the compliance officer I know you understand this.

Is there a policy at MCA forbidding homeschoolers from participating in sports?

Thanks,

Joe

On Thu, May 24, 2018 at 3:30 PM, Chuck Marshall <cmarshall@masonacademy.com> wrote:

I have found no Florida High School Athletic Association rule that allows Homeschool students to participate in Charter School sports teams.

You have not presented a Florida High School Athletic Association rule that allows Homeschool students to participate in Charter School sports teams.

If such a rule exists, it would also have to say that Charter schools "must" allow home school students to participate in their sports program. Since there are thousands of home school students, Charter schools would have to leave the Florida High School Athletic Association, if very many applied.

Now, for us to proceed, you might want to provide why you think Homeschool students are "allowed" to participate in Charter School sports teams.

Chuck Marshall

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Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 3:18 PM
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Again, you didn't answer my question.

If home schoolers are not permitted to participate in sports at MCA, I would like to know why not. I can only think of 2 reasons:

1. It is illegal for home schoolers to attend
2. MCA has a policy banning home schoolers

Which of those two reasons is it?

Joe

On Thu, May 24, 2018 at 3:12 PM, Chuck Marshall <cmarshall@masonacademy.com> wrote:

I have not found any rule or statute that allows Home schoolers to join a Charter School sports teams. That is why I asked you to provide your rationale on how Homeschool students can be allowed to join a Charter school sports team.

Chuck Marshall

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To: Chuck Marshall <cmarshall@masonacademy.com>

Cc: Sarah Baird <sbaird76@gmail.com>; Kelly Lichter <klichter@masonacademy.com>; David Hull <dhull@masonacademy.com>

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Mr. Marshall,

You didn't answer my question. I simply would like to know if we are legally forbidden from participating in sports at MCA or if this is a policy of MCA to ban homeschoolers.

Thanks,

Joe

On Thu, May 24, 2018 at 2:52 PM, Chuck Marshall <cmarshall@masonacademy.com> wrote:

Mr. Baird,

I am the MCA Compliance Officer. One of my responsibilities is to answer questions like yours. I would like to help navigate us through this question by starting from the beginning:

1. What gives you the impression that Charter schools must take on Home School students onto their sports teams? What statute, rule or other requirement requires that? Please provide the link and exact language you believe requires it.

If it is an extract from this [document](#), I found the following words in blue that you may be referencing. You will note that it only applies to public schools operated by the district. MCA is not operated by the district. It is operated by the MCA Board.

V. Home Education Students –

These student must be registered with the Home Education Office of the school district (County) in which they reside. As per s. 1006.15(3)(c), Florida Statutes, these students are eligible to participate at:

- The public school the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance area policies (i.e. zoned school); or
- The public school, operated by the school district, the student could choose to attend according to the “Controlled Open Enrollment” provisions of the school district and provided the deadlines established in the provisions are met by the student

(i.e. choice of school without needing a reason or waiver, provided a seat would be available);

or • A Home Education Cooperative;

or • Any private school.

I hope this answers your question.

Chuck Marshall

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From: Joe Baird <jbaird123@gmail.com>
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Cc: Sarah Baird <sbaird76@gmail.com>, Kelly Lichter <klichter@masonacademy.com>
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Mr. Hull,

Could you clarify something? Is there a law prohibiting home schoolers from participating in sports at MCA? If so, could you direct me to this law?

Thanks,

Joe

On Thu, May 24, 2018 at 12:14 PM, David Hull <dhull@masonacademy.com> wrote:

Hello Mrs. Baird,

The reason it is not on the board agenda is because we have discussed with our attorney, and it has been firmly established that home school students may participate in sports at their zoned school, but not at Mason Classical Academy. MCA will not have home school students participate in its sports program. The documentation you sent prior does not pertain to our status.

I have bcc'd our attorney on this email in case he would like to participate in this discussion.

Best regards,

David Hull, Principal

Mason Classical Academy

On May 24, 2018, at 12:02 PM, <sbaird76@gmail.com>
<sbaird76@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi David,

I was just looking at the agenda for the Board meeting this Tuesday and I noticed that the issue of participation in MCA sports for home schoolers is not listed. I know you mentioned that you would discuss this at the June meeting, but there is very little on the agenda for this upcoming meeting so I was wondering if there is a reason it can't be added to this one.

Thanks!

Sarah Baird

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