MSD: Home and Private School Academic Eligibility Panel

To establish academic eligibility, a parent, teacher, or organization providing instruction to a home school or private school student shall submit an affidavit to the principal indicating that the student meets the District's academic eligibility requirements. Upon submission of the affidavit, the student shall be considered academically eligible for the activity season unless an academic eligibility panel determines otherwise or the person who submitted the affidavit provides notice to the principal that the student no longer meets eligibility requirements.

A person with probable cause to believe a home or private school student does not meet academic eligibility requirements may submit an affidavit to the principal asserting the concern and providing supporting information. If the principal determines that the affidavit contains information constituting probable cause, the principal shall request that the Superintendent convene a three-person panel to verify compliance.

Panelists shall be selected from nominees submitted by national, state, or regional organizations whose members are home school students and parents. Of the three members appointed, one shall have experience teaching in a public school as a licensed educator and in home schooling high school-age students; one shall have experience teaching in higher education and in home schooling; and one shall have experience teaching home school high school-age students. The panel shall review the affidavit, may confer with the person who submitted it, may request test scores or a portfolio of work documenting academic achievement, and shall determine whether the student meets academic eligibility requirements.

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