Eligibility Update Regarding In-District Virtual Enrollment

After the State Department of Education issued guidance regarding in person and online options that school districts must provide, the need to address related eligibility issues became apparent. Rule 6, on page 43 of the AAA Handbook states, "If a student is enrolled in the school through an online program, the student must attend at least one period a day at the school." This rule was obviously adopted by the membership prior to the requirements issued by ADE in response to Covid-19. Therefore, in our interpretation, this rule does not apply to students who have selected to attend your district's (same LEA#) online program, are legally enrolled in your school, regularly attend the school practice and activity in person and otherwise meet all other eligibility requirements.

This waiver of the one period per day attendance does not apply to those students who are enrolled in the Arkansas Virtual Academy or Arkansas Connections Academy.

All current Home School laws continue to apply. If a student withdraws from a AAA member school to be homeschooled, the student is ineligible to participate in an interscholastic activity for a minimum of 365 after the student withdraws from the member school.