

**The following rules apply to all TAPPS member schools in regards to high school students and those entering high school. For those TAPPS member schools which provide educational opportunities prior to high school, these rules extend to students in all grades provided at the TAPPS member school.**

A. **SOLICITATION** Unlike public schools, our member schools are not aided by geographically drawn attendance zones to provide a given student enrollment base. Families choose private and parochial schools for a variety of reasons other than geographic location, such as religious affiliation, parental participation, class size, academic programs, faculty and staff. For our member schools to survive, it is essential to solicit families to choose one of our member schools to educate their child / children.

**a. Forms of Acceptable Solicitation**

- i. Billboard Advertising
- ii. Mailings
- iii. Open House
- iv. Campus Visits to feeder schools
- v. Visits to churches
- vi. Those things that promote the school to prospective families.

**b. Examples of Unacceptable Solicitation** **The unacceptable solicitation of students by school personnel, school volunteers, parents, or any other third party is a violation of TAPPS rules and may result in the loss of the affected student's eligibility to participate in TAPPS events.**

- i. School personnel campus visits targeting athletes
- ii. Mailings to specific athletes or groups of athletes
- iii. Open House for athletes
- iv. Tryouts or combines for athletes
- v. Those things that target specific students for their athletic ability
- vi. Materials that negatively reflect on other TAPPS member schools

B. **INDUCEMENT** What is not to be included in the solicitation or retention of students is the inducement of students by a member school. **The inducement of students by school personnel, school volunteers, parents, or any other third party is a violation of TAPPS rules and may result in the loss of the affected student's eligibility to participate in TAPPS events.**

Inducement includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Offer or acceptance of the payment of tuition
- b. Offer or acceptance of a reduction in tuition payments (outside of School Financial Aid Programs)
- c. Offer or acceptance of board
- d. Offer or acceptance of lodging

- e. Offer or acceptance of transportation
- f. Offer or acceptance of a job for a parent or guardian
- g. Offer or acceptance of payment for athletic camp registration
- h. Offer or acceptance of payment for summer conditioning programs, or conditioning camps
- i. Offer or acceptance of cash payments
- j. Offer or promise of University or college scholarships
- k. Offer or acceptance of free or reduced cost private instruction
- l. Offer or acceptance of any other valuable consideration

- C. **TAMPERING** Tampering is not to be included in the solicitation of students by **school personnel, school volunteers, parents, or any other third party. Tampering is a violation of TAPPS rules and may result in the loss of the affected student's eligibility to participate in TAPPS events.** Tampering occurs when any of the afore mentioned people directly or indirectly
- a. **Entices**
  - b. **Induces**
  - c. **Persuades**
  - d. **Recruits**
  - e. **Targets for athletic purposes**
  - f. **Or attempts to entice, induce, persuade, recruit or target**

any student to attend a TAPPS member school while the student is registered at another TAPPS member school.