

- A. If a student's eligibility to compete in a TAPPS contest is questioned, the student has the burden in any proceeding to establish that he or she is eligible.
- B. **MINIMUM PENALTY.** If forms and documentation pertaining to student eligibility were not filed prior to competition, and it was an inadvertent error and the student is (or would have been) actually eligible under Subchapter K of the By-Laws or Article V of the Constitution, the district executive committee **is not required** to demand forfeiture or to rule the student ineligible. They may assess the minimum penalty of a reprimand to the school.