



Lee's Summit West High School

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RE: **Lee's Summit West High School Self Report - Football**

Date: **April 14th, 2026**

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School in Violation: Lee's Summit West High School
Specific By-Law Referenced: 2.6.2.g: Description of Undue Influence...

Summary Description of the Incident:

An internal investigation confirmed that eight students enrolled at Lee's Summit West High School (LSW) were using fraudulent leases and utility bills. Although families claimed they originally intended to secure housing, all admitted they never resided within LSW boundaries and failed to notify the school when those arrangements fell through. Seven of the students were linked to [REDACTED] through his youth program; [REDACTED] reportedly connected these families with a single landlord to obtain the lease agreements. The investigation uncovered practices consistent with recruiting and undue influence, specifically determining that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with a family at an area restaurant to discuss football and residency. It was also confirmed that one of the involved students participated in the varsity football program.

Timeline - District Conduct Investigation:

- On March 11th, 2026: Received a phone call from a "step-mother" that there may be an issue with residency with one of our students who transferred into the district this past summer.
- March 12th: Research conducted. Revealed several fraudulent registration documents; leases and utility bills.
- March 13th: Residence Checks began - Determined students didn't reside at the address of record. (through March 20th)
- March 17th: Interviews conducted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
- March 20th: LSW admin team performed a thorough review of all football players on the fall 2025 roster. The review also consisted of vetting all transfers playing in the 2024 season
- Week of March 23rd:
 - Individual parent interviews investigating residency concerns.
- March 26th: The Lee's Summit Police Department was notified of the matter due to concerns regarding a potential local leasing scam.
- Week of March 30th:
 - Interviewed football program assistant coaches, specifically the freshman football coaches.

- Decision made to send 10-day letters (district protocol) to non-resident families
- April 6th: District Administration team review of evidence; determination to separate two assistant coaches and the head coach from the program.
- April 14th-15th: Final discussions with coaches in question.

Summary of Findings:

After conducting a thorough investigation, the LSR7 administration has determined that the following has occurred:

There is evidence and admission that the following eight students' families submitted fraudulent documentation to the school district in an effort to establish residency in the Lee's Summit West attendance area for the purpose of playing football. We have identified the person providing these documents.

Students involved:

- [REDACTED]

- Verified: [REDACTED] participated in 11 varsity football games in the fall of 2025.

Coaches Involved:

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] used his connections through youth football to connect families with a local person claiming to be a leasing agent, as the families were looking for housing.
- [REDACTED] also arranged a meeting with a prospective player at an area restaurant to meet with the leasing agent and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the summer of 2025. (That student did not end up at LSW.)

[REDACTED]

- Served as a non-faculty volunteer assistant coach within the program
- He used fraudulent documents to establish residency for his own student.

[REDACTED]

- It has been determined that [REDACTED] met with a prospective student at an area restaurant to discuss football and residency during the summer of 2025.
- The district was NOT able to substantiate that [REDACTED] had any knowledge of the eight students enrolled fraudulently.
- It has been found that there is a lack of oversight of the football program by [REDACTED] in knowing and being aware of the detailed activities happening within the program.

Steps for prevention:

- Providing education of all LSW coaching staff directly concerning by-law 2.6.1 (Undue Influence) and maintaining program integrity.
- Presenting educational materials to coaches and athletes prior to their sports seasons, denoting potential penalties should a student not be in compliance.
- We have notified the Lee's Summit Police Department regarding this issue to look into possible criminal charges.

Penalties for these infractions - Lee's Summit West Administrative Response:

- Removal of coaches involved with this issue; [REDACTED] will not be retained in their positions within the football program at Lee's Summit West due to direct or indirect involvement with activities described in by-law 2.6.2.g (Description of Undue Influence)
- A forfeiture of the varsity and sub-varsity football games in which ineligible players participated; in reference to by-law 1.2.3.a (Penalties - Ineligible Student)
 - **Lee's Summit West is requesting relief from forfeiting games in accordance with by-law 1.2.3.d.** It has been determined that the administration understood these students to be fully eligible without issue during the season after completing the transfer process. [REDACTED] shared that he was unaware of the students not living in the district. The parents did not self-report that they were not living in the attendance area after submitting false documentation to the school district.
 - **Lee's Summit West is requesting relief in accordance with by-law 1.2.3.e.** Administrative notes provided throughout indicate that this issue of student ineligibility has been diligently and completely investigated (2.2.3.f). A 365-day period of ineligibility for those students who misrepresented their living accommodations with the district (2.2.5). The date of discovery was March 17th, 2026.

Lee's Summit West varsity football contests to be vacated (11 games):

August 29th, 2025	Blue Springs High School
Sept. 5th, 2025	Oak Park High School
12th, 2025	Liberty North High School
19th, 2025	Rockhurst High School
26th, 2025	Lee's Summit High School
Oct. 3rd, 2025	Raymore-Peculiar High School
10th, 2025	Staley High School
17th, 2025	Lee's Summit North High School
25th, 2025	Blue Springs South High School
30th, 2025	Park Hill South High School
Nov. 7th, 2025	North Kansas City High School

Lee's Summit C team football contests to be vacated (9 games):

Sept. 3rd, 2025	Blue Springs High School
10th, 2025	Blue Springs South High School
17th, 2025	Liberty North High School
24th, 2025	Lee's Summit North High School
Oct. 1st, 2025	Lee's Summit High School
8th, 2025	Staley High School
15th, 2025	Raymore-Peculiar High School
22nd, 2025	Rockhurst High School
29th, 2025	Liberty High School