

Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
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Authority

The Board **approves** participation in the district’s extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the **requirements** stated in **law and** Board policy.[1][2][3][4][5]

The Board shall not provide individual transportation for students enrolled in home education programs who participate in the district’s extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletic programs. When the district provides transportation to and from an away competition, game, event or exhibition and requires district students to use district transportation, home education students shall be required to use the transportation provided by the district.

Guidelines

Students attending home education programs shall be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and participate in district extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs, including, as applicable, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) units.[6][7][8]

A home education student may participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs only at the school building the student would be assigned to if the student was enrolled in the district.

Prior to trying-out or joining an activity, a home education student shall submit required documents and written verification of eligibility to the building principal or designee. **Verification may include, but not be limited to, attendance records, weekly grades or academic achievement or other documents demonstrating completion of eligibility criteria.**[1]

To be considered in attendance in accordance with Board policy, the home education student must participate in a full, normally scheduled academic program, in accordance with the planned home education program and submitted documentation.[5][9]

The following conditions shall govern participation in the district’s extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by home education students, who shall:

1. Be a resident of the district.
2. Meet the required eligibility criteria.[3][4]
3. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.[4]

4. Comply with Board policies and school rules and **administrative** regulations regarding extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student **conduct**.^{[3][4][10][11][12][13]}
5. Comply with policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of the activity's governing organization.^{[1][2]}
6. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.^[9]
7. Meet the requirements for physical examinations and physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions.^{[1][4]}
8. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff, coaches, **activity advisors** and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

Delegation of Responsibility

The **Superintendent** or designee shall **post information regarding the availability of the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics programs, as well as a copy of this Board policy, on the district's publicly available website and provide participation information upon request by students enrolled in home education programs or their parents/guardians**.^[1]

The building principal or designee shall distribute **eligibility criteria** regarding student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics, and information **on the dates and times of physical examinations or medical tests provided to students by the district. Such information shall be distributed through student handbooks, other publications and on the district's publicly available website**.^[1]

The building principal or designee shall receive and review verification from the parent/guardian **or home education program supervisor** that a student has met and continues to meet the established eligibility criteria for an extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

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Legal	<u>1. 24 P.S. 1327.1</u>
	<u>2. 24 P.S. 511</u>
	3. Pol. 122
	4. Pol. 123
	5. Pol. 137
	<u>6. 10 U.S.C. 2031</u>
	7. Pol. 103
	8. Pol. 103.1
	9. Pol. 204
	10. Pol. 218
	11. Pol. 222
	12. Pol. 227
	13. Pol. 235
	Pol. 137.2

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Extracurricular Activities

Students enrolled in a home education program who meet all the conditions stated in Board policy will be eligible to participate in the following district extracurricular activities:

1. School organizations.
2. Class organizations.
3. Clubs and societies.
4. Musical ensembles. (**Note: participation in cocurricular music ensembles is addressed under Board policy 137.2.**)
5. Theatrical organizations.
6. School publications.
7. Debating.
8. Forensics.
9. Other activities related to the school program **that take place outside the regular school day and are not directly tied to school curriculum. Participation in cocurricular activities and academic courses is addressed under Board policy 137.2.**

Interscholastic Athletics

Students enrolled in a home education program who meet all the conditions stated in Board policy will be eligible to participate in the district's program of interscholastic athletics, including varsity sports and all activities related to competitive sports contests, games, events and exhibitions involving students or teams of students when such activities occur between schools within the school district or between schools outside of the school district.

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When the district provides to district students a physical examination or medical test required for participation in an interscholastic athletic program, the district will provide the same opportunity to students enrolled in a home education program.

The district will publish in a publication of general circulation and on the district's website the dates and times for physical examinations and medical tests required for participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

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137.1-AR-1. WEEKLY ELIGIBILITY REPORT

The parent/guardian **or home education supervisor** of a home education student must submit this form to the **building** principal each Friday by _____ (time).

(Student's Name) (Date)

Report for period of: _____ to _____

- { } Student has participated in a full, normally scheduled academic program.
- { } Student did not participate in a full, normally scheduled academic program on _____, due to absence.
- { } Student has demonstrated the academic progress required to meet eligibility criteria.
- { } Student has not demonstrated the academic progress required to meet eligibility criteria.
- { } Student's behavior has complied with **Board policy, administrative regulations and the school's Code of Student Conduct.**

The parent/guardian **or home education program supervisor** must notify the **building** principal, either **by phone** or by email, on the day the student is absent.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Building Principal Signature

Student Signature

