DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CO-CURRICULAR

PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS

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137.1. CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS

1. Authority SC 511, 1327.1 Pol. 137 The Board shall approve participation in the district's co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The student is a resident of the school district.

Pol. 122, 123

2. The student fulfills all eligibility criteria, or their equivalent, required for participation in an activity or program by district students, in accordance with Board Policy 122 Co-Curricular Activities and/or Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics.

The Board shall not provide individual transportation for students enrolled in home education programs who participate in the district's co-curricular 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.

2. Guidelines

Students attending home education programs shall be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and participate in district co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

A home education student may participate only in co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs at the school building the student would be assigned to if s/he was enrolled in the school 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.

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To be considered in attendance in accordance with Board Policy 204 Attendance, the home education student must participate in a full, normally scheduled academic program, in accordance with the planned home education program.
The following guidelines shall govern participation in the district's co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by home education students, who shall:
1. Meet the same eligibility criteria, or their equivalent, required of district students, in accordance with applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.
2. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.
3. Comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding co- curricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student discipline.
4. Comply with policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of the activity's governing organization.
5. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.
6. Meet the requirements for physical examinations and physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions.
7. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff, coaches and administrators involved with the co-curricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.
The building principal or designee shall receive and review verification from the parent/guardian that a student has met and continues to meet the established eligibility criteria for a co-curricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.
The district shall distribute information regarding eligibility criteria and student participation in co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics to all affected by them.
The district shall develop a procedure to ensure that home education students have access to information regarding the district's co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

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References:
School Codes – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1327.1
Board Policy – 122, 123, 137, 204, 218