SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS ADOPTED: AUGUST 18, 2021

	137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
1. Authority	The Board shall approve participation in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the conditions stated in Board policy.
	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.
2. Guidelines	Students attending home education programs shall be given an equal opportunity to

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.

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 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.

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.

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 school district.
- 2. Meet the required eligibility criteria.
- 3. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.
- 4. Comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student discipline.

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- 5. Comply with policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of the activity's governing organization.
- 6. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.
- 7. Meet the requirements for physical examinations and physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions.
- 8. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff, coaches and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The building principal or designee shall ensure that home education students have access to information regarding the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

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 an extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

The building principal or designee shall distribute information regarding eligibility criteria and student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics to all affected by them.

Legal References

- 1. 24 P.S. 1327.1
- 2. 24 P.S. 511
- 3. Pol. 122
- 4. Pol. 123
- 5. Pol. 237
- 6. 10 U.S.C. 2031
- 7. Pol. 204
- 8. Pol. 208