137.1. EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS

1. Authority
SC 511, 1327.1

The Board shall approve participation in the District’s extracurricular 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 District.

2. The student fulfills all eligibility criteria, or their equivalent, required for participation in an activity or program by District students, in accordance with established policies, guidelines.

2. Guidelines

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.

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

A home education student may participate only in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs at the school building the student would be assigned to if s/he were 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.

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.
The following guidelines shall govern participation in the District’s extracurricular 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. Register for insurance coverage and meet the requirements for physical examination consistent with requirements for District students. Dates and times of such physical examinations shall be posted on the District’s website.

3. Comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding extracurricular 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. Comply with all requirements and directives of the District staff, coaches, and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletics program.

The 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 District shall distribute information regarding eligibility criteria and student participation to all affected by them.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 1327.1