

REDBANK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR
PARTICIPATION BY HOME
EDUCATION STUDENTS

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| <p>1. Authority SC 511, 1327.1 Pol. 137</p> <p>Pol. 122</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">137.1. EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student is a resident of the school 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 Board Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 was enrolled in the school district.</p> <p>If a class for credit held during the school day by the school district is required for participation in an activity that takes place outside of the class, home education students may petition the Superintendent to audit the class in order to meet the eligibility requirement for participation in the activity that takes place outside of the class. Such petitions shall be granted subject to the student meeting any other</p> |
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| | <p>prerequisites and there is space in the class after students enrolled in the school district have had the first opportunity to enroll in the for-credit class. Continued participation in the activity outside of class shall be dependent on regular attendance at and participation in the for-credit class. The student shall be responsible for all transportation and costs associated with his/her auditing the for-credit class and participating in the related out-of-class activities.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Pol. 204</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>The following guidelines shall govern participation in the district’s extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by home education students, who shall:</p> |
| <p>Pol. 122</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
| <p>Pol. 122, 204, 218</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student discipline. |
| <p>SC 511</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program. |

8. It is the parent's/guardian's/student's responsibility to keep abreast of available activities, schedules and/or schedule changes. The district assumes no responsibility to inform parents/guardians of the home-schooled student regarding the availability of extracurricular activities or changes in schedules.

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 district shall distribute information regarding eligibility criteria and student participation in extracurricular 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 extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

Eligibility Criteria

Approval for continued participation in the athletic and/or selected extracurricular programs is received from the building principal based on the following documentation submitted weekly to the administration:

1. Full-time home-schooled students participating in interscholastic athletics must comply with current district rules in regard to eligibility.
2. Written verification of satisfactory completion of the required twenty (20) hours of courses per week in the courses specified in home-schooling law.
3. During the day in which the home-schooled student is participating in athletics, s/he must maintain regular study hours of not less than five-and-one half (5 ½) hours (including a thirty (30) minute lunch).

The above mentioned documentation must be submitted to the building office by noon on Monday of each week during the sports season (or the first day of school for the week) of each week during the sports season. Failure to meet the above requirements will result in the athlete being ineligible for a period of one (1) week.

A student may not be withdrawn from the Redbank Valley School District program and enroll in a home-schooling program in order to specifically participate in a sport, i.e., if a student becomes ineligible to participate in a sport or extracurricular activity due to academic or discipline reasons, they may not withdraw to be home-schooled

and meet a new or different eligibility standard. Therefore, when a student is withdrawn from the school district, s/he may not be permitted to participate in a sports program unless s/he enrolls in the home-schooling by the first day of official practice year of participation.

Home-schooled students who transfer in from another school district shall have the same residency rules apply to them as does the public school student enrollee.

Cocurricular Participation

Home education students are not enrolled in the Redbank Valley School District; therefore, they are not eligible to participate in school district programs, cocurricular and interscholastic activities, except for the standardized testing program. Home education students K-12 will be permitted to participate in art, music and physical education classes. Participation in these classes will be permitted only for classes where space is available. Home school students must adhere to Redbank Valley School District discipline guidelines. Building principals will develop procedures for the implementation of this program.

References:

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

Board Policy – 122, 137, 204, 218