

**PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES BY
RESIDENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER SCHOOLS**

Background

Mt. Lebanon School District generally limits participation in its extracurricular activities to students enrolled in the District. There are exceptions to this general rule that are recognized in School Board policy, such as Policy IH, Home Education, and Policy IHBH, Charter Schools. Although these activities are provided primarily for the benefit of District students, the District also recognizes that there may be situations in which a student who lives in Mt. Lebanon, but who is enrolled in a private or parochial school, may wish to participate in one or more of these activities. The Board of School Directors wishes to authorize the Superintendent to permit an exception and allow participation by resident students enrolled in a private or parochial school where such participation would not have a negative impact upon the District or its students.

Objective

The objective of this Policy is to provide criteria pursuant to which the Superintendent may permit exceptions to the general rule which limits participation in District extracurricular activities to students enrolled in the District.

Definitions

“Extracurricular activities” shall mean all non-curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities and clubs other than interscholastic sports, including but not limited to clubs, intramural or club sports, and non-curricular field trips, but shall not include activities which are also curricular courses.

“Resident non-enrolled student” shall mean a resident of Mt. Lebanon who is not enrolled in the District’s schools and who is enrolled in a private or parochial school in grades kindergarten through 12. The term shall not apply to high school graduates, or to residents who are otherwise not enrolled in a private or parochial school.

Policy

It is the policy of Mt. Lebanon School District that resident non-enrolled students (with written consent of parents/guardians) may request permission to participate in extracurricular activities. All such requests will be directed to the Superintendent. Participation will not be permitted unless and until granted by the Superintendent in writing.

In considering such requests, the Superintendent may consider the following, as well as any other factors which they may determine to be relevant under the circumstances:

1. Participation by a resident non-enrolled student should not have a negative impact upon the activity or upon any District student's ability to participate in an activity.
2. Participation in an extracurricular activity by a resident non-enrolled student should not result in any increased cost to the District.
3. Requests for exceptions should not be granted where participation would or could violate any applicable rules or regulations which limit participation to enrolled students.
4. The Superintendent may consider whether the same or similar activities are available in the school in which the resident non-enrolled student is enrolled.
5. Absent unusual circumstances, requests for participation will not be granted where the participation involves activity during the regular school day.

Where the request is granted, the resident non-enrolled student and their parents/guardians must, prior to commencing such participation, agree to the following:

1. The District will not be responsible for notification of resident non-enrolled students of schedules, practices, location and time of events, etc., and the resident non-enrolled student and their parents/guardians will be responsible for obtaining all such information.
2. Transportation of resident non-enrolled students to and from extracurricular activities is the responsibility of parents/guardians, except where, and only to the extent that, transportation is provided by the District for other participants.
3. Resident non-enrolled students and their parents/guardians agree to abide by all guidelines and regulations concerning participation in the activity as are adopted from time to time by the District, as well as those of any other organization involved in the activity (e.g. Academic Games).
4. Resident non-enrolled students and their parents/guardians acknowledge that the permission to participate in these activities may be revoked by the District at any time.
5. Resident non-enrolled students must comply with the District's discipline policies, and conduct which would result in the loss of

extracurricular activities privileges applies to all students, whether enrolled or not.

6. Parents/guardians of a resident non-enrolled student must provide proof of personal injury medical insurance, medical certifications of fitness/eligibility to participate, and/or any other medical information, consents or permission forms requested by the District.
7. Resident non-enrolled students may come to District buildings solely for the purpose of participating in the approved activity, and must leave the school building when the activity is completed, except to the extent of times and locations at which the public is generally admitted to District property and buildings, or where properly supervised while waiting for rides, seeking shelter from weather, etc.
8. Any costs or fees associated with an activity shall be the responsibility of the resident non-enrolled student and their parents/guardians.
9. Resident non-enrolled students and their parents/guardians must provide a consent/release form (i) agreeing to abide by all applicable rules, (ii) authorizing the administration of the school in which the student is enrolled to provide the District with any educational records requested by the District to the extent that they relate to information that would be relevant for participation by enrolled students, including but not limited to grades and disciplinary records, and (iii) authorizing the District to release any information concerning the resident non-enrolled student to said student's school and/or law enforcement authorities.

This Policy is not intended to replace or modify Policy IH, Home Education, or Policy IHBH, Charter Schools. Those policies will continue to control in those situations.

The Superintendent's decision on requests pursuant to this Policy shall be final.

Administration Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Administration to:

1. Evaluate and approve or disapprove all requests for participation by resident non-enrolled students in District extracurricular activities.
2. Develop consent/permission forms consistent with this Policy, obtain all information described above, and maintain all such information with appropriate confidentiality.

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3. Notify the Board of the disposition of all requests pursuant to this Policy.

Communication

This Policy shall be communicated to:

1. All members of the administrative staff involved in implementing the Policy.
2. All parents/guardians and students interested in participation in activities.

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