

Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
Title	Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
Code	137.2 NEW

Authority

The Board approves participation in the District’s cocurricular activities and academic courses by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the requirements stated in law and Board policy.^{[1][2][3][4][5]}

Definition

Academic courses mean, for purposes of this policy, those courses taken for credit/grades, aligned with state standards and/or graduation requirements.

Cocurricular activities mean, for purposes of this policy, District activities that merge extracurricular activities with a required academic course, including but not limited to, band, orchestra and other activities that include a for- credit component that takes place during the school day.^{[1][2][4]}

Guidelines

Students attending home education programs shall be ~~given an equal opportunity to compete~~^{permitted to} ~~for positions and~~ participate in District cocurricular activities and academic courses, in accordance with Board policy, on the same basis as other students enrolled full-time in the District.^{[1][6][7]}

{ } including Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) units offered for credit.^[8]

A home education student may participate in cocurricular activities and academic courses only at the school building the student would be assigned to if the student was enrolled in the District.

Prior to trying-out or auditioning for a cocurricular activity or ~~enrolling~~^{participating} in an academic course, a home education student shall submit required documents and written verification of eligibility or completion of prerequisites to the building principal or designee. Verification may include, but not be limited to, ~~placement qualifying exams~~, attendance records, portfolio records documenting completion of curriculum or other documents demonstrating completion of eligibility criteria.^[1]

The following conditions shall govern participation in the District’s cocurricular activities and academic courses by home education students, who shall:

1. Be a resident of the District.
2. Meet the required eligibility criteria or their equivalent for the cocurricular activity or the prerequisites for the academic course.^{[1][2][9]}
3. Comply with Board policies and school rules and administrative regulations regarding ~~health~~^{and} student conduct in school and at school-sponsored activities.^{[1][2][10][11][12][13][16][17][18][19][20]}
4. Comply with policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of the cocurricular activity’s governing organization, where applicable.

5. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the cocurricular activity or academic course, including any sign-in and sign-out procedures for school building attendance purposes. Home education students must participate in the full class period for an academic course, unless an exception has been granted in accordance with Board policy and school rules.[14]
6. Comply with all Board policies, school rules and requirements and directives of the District staff, activity advisors and administrators involved with the cocurricular activity or academic course.[1]

Academic Courses

Students attending home education programs are eligible to ~~enroll~~ participate in District academic courses in accordance with law and Board policy, and may participate in academic courses equaling up to at least one- quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the school day for full-time District students.[1]

{ } Students enrolled in home education programs shall only be eligible to participate in cocurricular activities and/or academic courses that are scheduled in consecutive time periods during the school day if the student's parent/guardian is not able to provide supervision for the student between the scheduled cocurricular activities and/or academic courses. Parent/guardian supervision of home education student shall take place off District property. [1]

The District shall provide the student's home education program supervisor with a grade for each cocurricular activity and academic course completed by a student enrolled in a home education program, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations. The home education program supervisor shall be responsible for maintaining the material in the student's portfolio of records.[1][3] [15]

The district shall lend to the home education student all necessary District-owned devices, cocurricular activity materials, and/or copies of the District's planned courses, textbooks, and curriculum materials necessary for the successful completion of the academic courses.[2]

Transportation

Parents/Guardians of home education students shall be responsible for transportation of students participating in District cocurricular activities and academic courses, except that a home education student may utilize District transportation to or from school during the times a bus is otherwise already operating and space is available.[1]

Students with Disabilities

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District annually conducts awareness and outreach programs and activities designed to reach District residents, including parents/guardians of students with disabilities who are home education students. [21][22][23]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall post information regarding the District's cocurricular activities and academic courses, as well as a copy of this Board policy, on the District's publicly available website and provide participation information upon request by students enrolled in home education programs or their parents/guardians.

The building principal or designee shall request and review verification from the parent/guardian or home education program supervisor that a student has met and continues to meet the established eligibility criteria for a cocurricular activity or academic course.

{ } The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations to permit a home education student to participate, on the same basis as other students enrolled in the District, for prioritization of enrollment in District cocurricular activities and academic courses based on the established number of

allowable participants in designated activities and courses.[\[1\]](#)

{ } ~~Prioritization Criteria for establishing the same bases for participation of home education students as enrolled District students~~ may be based on academic achievement, demonstration of skills or competencies, record of conduct, and other designated criteria. ~~Students attending home education programs shall have an equal opportunity to compete for enrollment in District activities and courses, in accordance with established administrative regulations.~~[\[1\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 1327.1](#)

2. Pol. 122

3. Pol. 137

4. Pol. 137.1

5. Pol. 137.3

6. Pol. 103

7. Pol. 103.1

[8. 10 U.S.C. 2031](#)

9. Pol. 105

10. Pol. 218

11. Pol. 222

12. Pol. 227

13. Pol. 235

14. Pol. 204

[15. Pol. 212](#)

[16. Pol. 203](#)

[17. Pol. 210](#)

[18. Pol. 226](#)

[19. 24 PS 1303\(a\)](#)

[20. Article XIV School Health Services](#)

[21. 22 PA Code 14.121](#)

[22. 34 CFR 300.11](#)

[23. Pol. 113](#)