

# FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Section	100 Programs
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## **Authority**

The Board approves participation in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the requirements stated in law and Board policy.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

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.

## **Guidelines**

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.[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

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 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. Verification may include, but not be limited to, attendance records, weekly grades or academic achievement or other documents demonstrating completion of eligibility criteria.[\[1\]](#)

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.[\[5\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

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 district.

2. Meet the required eligibility criteria.[3][4]
3. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.[4]
4. Comply with Board policies and school rules and administrative regulations regarding extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student conduct.[3][4][10][11][12][13]
5. Comply with policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of the activity's governing organization.[1][2]
6. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.[9]
7. Meet the requirements for physical examinations and physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions.[1][4]
8. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff, coaches, activity advisors and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall post information regarding the availability of the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics programs, 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.[1]

The building principal or designee shall distribute eligibility criteria regarding student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics, and information on the dates and times of physical examinations or medical tests provided to students by the district. Such information shall be distributed through student handbooks, other publications and on the district's publicly available website.[1]

The building principal or designee shall receive 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 an extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

Legal

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

[2. 24 P.S. 511](#)

3. Pol. 122

4. Pol. 123

5. Pol. 137

[6. 10 U.S.C. 2031](#)

7. Pol. 103

8. Pol. 103.1

9. Pol. 204

10. Pol. 218

11. Pol. 222

12. Pol. 227

13. Pol. 235

Pol. 137.2

