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**POLICY MANUAL**

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**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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**CHAPTER 4.0**

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**PARTICIPATION OF HOME EDUCATION, PRIVATE SCHOOL, AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**I. Purpose.** This policy defines the criteria for non-traditional students, as outlined in Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) Bylaw 16.6.1, and sets forth the eligibility requirements for student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic events at Florida State University School (FSUS).

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**II. Definition of Non-Traditional Student.** A non-traditional student is one who does not physically attend FSUS but participates in extracurriculars and/or interscholastic events. These students are eligible to participate in FSUS-sponsored extracurricular activities under the conditions outlined below.

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**III. Eligibility Requirements.** Non-traditional students entering grades six (6) through twelve (12) are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities if they meet the following criteria:

**a. Compliance with Florida Statutes:**

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The student must adhere to all applicable Florida Statutes, as well as rules established by FSUS.

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**b. Compliance with Participating Organizations' Rules:**

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The student must comply with all rules and regulations of participating organizations, including but not limited to, the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) and the Florida School Music Association (FSMA).

**c. Non-Traditional Student Activities Request Form:**

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The student or their guardian must complete and submit a **Non-Traditional Student Activities Request Form** along with all supporting documentation to the Athletic Director. The form must be signed by both the Athletic Director and the FSUS Executive Director for approval. Additionally, any required activity fees must be paid before participation in any activities is permitted.

**d. Behavior and Conduct Standards:**

The student must meet the same behavioral expectations as full-time FSUS students. They are subject to the FSUS Code of Student Conduct. The Principal, Athletic Director, or FSUS Director may remove a student from participation at any time due to behavioral issues or failure to meet attendance expectations.

**IV. Insurance Requirements.** Any insurance provided by FSUS for participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the participating non-traditional student. If there is an additional premium for such coverage, the participating non-traditional student shall pay said premium.

**V. Full-time Equivalent Funding Exclusion.** The participation of a non-traditional student under this policy shall not be used for the purpose of obtaining state full-time equivalent funding, and the non-traditional student shall not be enrolled in a school course on a regular basis for the purpose of receiving educational instruction.

**VI.** This policy may be known as the Controlled Open Enrollment Policy Relating to Non-Traditional Students.

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**Deleted:** The Athletic Director shall keep records of all students participating in extracurricular activities pursuant to this policy. No extracurricular program shall have more than 10% of the participants qualifying pursuant to this policy (extracurricular activities which have less than ten (10) participants may have one (1) participant pursuant to this policy). For teams that have 10 or fewer participants, if, in the opinion of the FSUS Athletic Director, there is capacity within a team roster for the addition of home-educated participants who would not displace non-home educated participants, the FSUS Director can waive the limitation for the one student cap for teams of 10 students or less. ¶

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**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:**

**1001.43, 1002.412, 1006.15 F.S.**

**HISTORY:**

**ADOPTED: 2/14/12**

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