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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students in the Oxford Area School District who attend private schools, parochial schools, participate in home schooling programs or other options to regular public school attendance available under the provisions of the School Code of Pennsylvania shall receive all services available to them as specified in the School Code or state and federal laws or statutes.

Services not specified or required by the School Code of Pennsylvania, or state and federal laws or statutes are therefore optional and subject to the following guidelines:

A. Parents of nonpublic school students, students not regularly enrolled in the public school system, including students enrolled in home schooling programs may request participation in the curriculum programs of the school to which their child would normally be assigned. Permission may be granted if space is available and all prerequisites for the program have been met. Participation will be within the established schedule of activities for the school and transportation will be the responsibility of the parent.

B. Parents of nonpublic school students, including home schooled students identified as handicapped, may request that the school district provide services that address the specific needs of the student. These services will be provided in the public schools.

C. Nonpublic school students, including students enrolled in home schooling programs may participate in extracurricular activities and programs including intramural sports. Home schooled students may participate in district-sponsored interscholastic sports. Standards and conditions of participation will be the same as those required of regularly enrolled students.

D. Nonpublic school students, including students enrolled in home schooling programs, are not eligible for an Oxford Area High School diploma.

E. Upon request, Oxford Area School District will supply students who participate in home schooling programs with textbooks, instructional reference materials, copies of planned courses or curriculum guides currently used in the schools. This does not include supplies such as paper, pencils, art materials and similar consumable items and/or equipment.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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In accordance with Policy 6800, the following administrative procedures will be in effect for the provision of those services authorized within the policy.

A. Participation in Curricular Programs

1. All requests for participation in curricular programs within the school the nonpublic school student would normally attend must be in writing and must accompany the affidavit submitted in the case of a home school student.
2. Such requests will be forwarded to the principal of that school for recommendation and approval.
3. Approval of such requests must be in consideration of the following criteria:

    a. Considering class size, the physical limitations of the classroom, number of stations, etc., approval can only be given if space is available to accommodate an additional student. In cases where the stations are not the determining factor the limit of class size will be established as 10% above the average class size at the beginning of the school year for that grade level. In any case where number of stations is not the determining factor no nonpublic school student will be allowed if the class size exceeds 30 students.
    b. Services may be discontinued if school or class enrollment requirements increase and the space is needed to accommodate regularly enrolled students. Participation of nonpublic school students should not create the need to add additional staff.
    c. The request for a specific service must be reasonable and appropriate for the student considering prior experiences and ability. Where prerequisites exist, nonpublic school students must meet such standards.
    d. Participation in school curricular programs should not create unnecessary concern or difficulty within the classroom. Continuing discipline or performance problems will result in revocation of permission to participate in the program.
    e. Supplies and materials provided to regularly enrolled students will be available to nonpublic school students participating in that program without charge.

B. Participation of Handicapped Students

1. Nonpublic school students, including students who are being home schooled who are, identified as educationally handicapped may participate in programs for the educationally handicapped within the public schools or through the intermediate unit.
2. Parents may request such services and when the provision of services is agreed to, all services shall be provided in the public schools.
3. Upon receipt of such a request the school district reserves the right to review all evaluations, conduct additional evaluations and carry out all placement activities as specified in special education regulations to determine need, appropriate level of services and placement within special education.

C. Participation in Extracurricular Activities

1. Requests for participation in extracurricular activities must be made to the principal of the school the nonpublic school student would normally attend. In the case of home schooled students such requests should accompany the affidavit submitted requesting authorization to operate a home school program.
2. Nonpublic school students will be subject to all of the guidelines and standards applied to public school students participating in the activity.
3. Nonpublic school students will be entitled to all the benefits and services provided to public school students participating in the activity.
4. Home school students participating in interscholastic sports are subject to all PIAA regulations and guidelines to ensure compliance of school programs.

D. Request for Materials to be Used Outside of the Schools

1. All requests for materials from district schools must be in writing to the principal.
2. Copies of school district planned courses, textbooks and other curricular materials may be borrowed. These materials will be loaned to parents without charge.
3. Supplies such as paper, pencils, art materials and other consumable items and/or equipment will not be provided for use outside of the schools.

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