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9270 - EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS & PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOR STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT

The Board of Education encourages the enrollment of all school age children resident in this District in public schools or in approved parochial or private schools so that they may enjoy the benefits of a well-planned educational program and the socialization possible in a group environment.

The Board recognizes its responsibility for assuring that every resident school-age child is enrolled in an approved school or is offered an equivalent education elsewhere and designates the Superintendent to act in its behalf.

A parent electing to home educate a child shall provide the Superintendent with annual written notification. The notification must include certain specific information and assurances concerning the home education program as set forth in State law, the State Department of Education Regulations, and AG 9270.

The Superintendent will excuse the child from attendance for home education purposes upon satisfactory showing that the child is being home educated by a person qualified to teach the branches in which instruction is required as referenced in AG 9270, and such additional branches, as the advancement and needs of the child may, in the opinion of the Superintendent, require.

Part-time enrollment of home-educated students in District Schools is allowed for students in grades 9-12 up to two (2) courses. Part-time enrollment for home-educated students in District Schools is strictly prohibited for students in preschool-grade 8.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative guidelines that verify, prior to a child being excused from attendance for home education purposes, all requirements specified in the State Department of Education regulations and the conditions established in Policy 5463 - Credits from State-Chartered, Special, and Nonchartered Schools have been met.

A student who is educated at home is permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activity offered in the school district to which the student would otherwise be assigned during the school year. If the District operates more than one (1) school that serves the student's grade level (as determined by the student's age and academic performance), the student shall be permitted to participate in the extra-curricular activities at the school to which the student would be assigned by the Superintendent pursuant to R.C. 3319.01. If the student elects to participate in an extra-curricular activity offered by the District, the student is not allowed to participate in that activity at another school or school district to which the student is not entitled to attend.

Similarly, a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school is entitled to participate in any extra-curricular activity not offered by the nonpublic school in the school district to which the student would otherwise be assigned during the school year. If the District operates more than one (1) school that serves the student's grade level (as determined by the student's age and academic performance), the student shall be permitted to participate in that extra-curricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the Superintendent pursuant to R.C. 3319.01.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to participate in any extra-curricular activity as detailed above, a student being educated at home or enrolled in a nonpublic school must be the appropriate age and grade level for the school that offers the extra-curricular activity and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant as specified in Board policy, administrative guidelines, the student handbooks and/or the Athletic Handbook. A student educated at home must meet the following academic requirements:

- A. If the student received homeschooling in the preceding grade period, the student shall meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of homeschooling.
- B. If the student did not receive homeschooling in the preceding grading period, the student's academic performance during the preceding grading period shall have met any academic standards for eligibility to participate in the program established by the District.
- C. Eligibility for a student who leaves a school district mid-year for homeschooling shall be determined based on an interim academic assessment issued by the district in which the student was enrolled based on the student's work while enrolled in the District.
- D. Any student who commences homeschooling after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time homeschooling commences, ineligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards or any other requirements of the District shall not participate in the extra-curricular activity until the student meets the academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for continuation of homeschooling as verified by the Superintendent. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same semester in which the student as determined ineligible.

No eligible homeschooled or nonpublic school student will be charged any fees in excess of those fees charged to other students for participation in the same extra-curricular activity. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by a school in the District because the student has or is participating in college credit plus program as long as the student fulfills all academic, nonacademic and financial requirements.

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