

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 137.1

Section: 100 PROGRAMS

Title: Extracurricular and  
Co-Curricular Participation by  
Home Education Students

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## 137.1 EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to every student receiving a well rounded education and graduating ready for college and careers. The purpose of this Policy is to require the School District of Philadelphia (“District”) to provide access to co-curricular and extracurricular educational activities for eligible students participating in home education programs in accordance with relevant state and federal laws.

### **Authority**

The Pennsylvania Public School Code and Federal Law requires that students enrolled in a home education program shall be permitted to participate in various District activities.

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### **Definitions**

**Eligible Student Participating in a Home Education Program:** A student enrolled in a home education program subject to the following conditions:[1][2]

1. The student shall be a resident of the school district.
2. The student shall meet the required eligibility criteria. [3][4]
3. The student shall maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.[4]
4. The student shall comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding co-curricular and extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student discipline, as well as the organization governing the activity.[3][4][5]

5. The student shall meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program and 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.[2][6]
6. The student shall meet the requirements for physical examinations and physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions established for all participants of the activity or program.[4]
7. The student shall comply with all requirements and directives of District staff, coaches and administrators involved with the co-curricular and extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or their designee, through the Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services, shall develop Administrative Procedures that at a minimum provide resources for eligible home education students and their program supervisors regarding the District's extracurricular activities, co-curricular, and interscholastic athletic programs. The Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services, in coordination with the Office of Transportation Services, shall include information about transportation of eligible home education students to co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and interscholastic athletics in the Administrative Procedures.

### **Mandatory Regulatory Procedures**

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. Enrollment of eligible home education students in co-curricular activities shall be on a first come, first serve basis, dependent upon enrollment capacity.

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 they were enrolled in the District.

### **Legal References:**

1. 24 P.S. 1327.1
2. Policy 137 - Home Education Programs
3. Policy 122 - Extracurricular Activities
4. Policy 123 - Interscholastic Athletics
5. Policy 218 - Student Conduct and Discipline
6. Policy 204 - Attendance

**Related Information:**

[Administrative Procedures for Home Education Programs](#)