

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 35, NO. 2

**EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS & PARTICIPATION
IN
EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOR STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT
(HOME SCHOOLING)**

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.

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.

- [X] The Superintendent may allow a student who is educated at home and not entitled to attend school in the District pursuant to R.C. 3313.64 or R.C. 3313.65, to participate in any extra-curricular activity offered by the District if the district to which the student is entitled to attend does not offer that extra-curricular activity.

[X] The Superintendent may allow a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school and not entitled to attend school in the District pursuant to R.C. 3313.64 or R.C. 3313.65, to participate in any extra-curricular activity offered by the District if ~~(a) the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extra-curricular activity, and either of the following applies:~~~~(b) the extra-curricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics.~~

A. the extra-curricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics;
or

B. the extra-curricular activity is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama or forensics.

In order to participate under this option, the nonpublic school must be located in the District. Prior to participation, the Superintendent must enter into a written agreement with the Superintendent of the public school district in which the student is entitled by law to attend that permits the student's participation. The written agreement must include a certification that the student has not participated in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama or forensics during the current school year. If the student has participated in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama or forensics, he/she shall be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the school year.

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 home schooling in the preceding grade period, the student shall meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home schooling.
- B. If the student did not receive home schooling 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 home schooling 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 home schooling after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time home schooling 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 home schooling 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 home schooled 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.

~~Issuance of Diploma to Home Schooled Student by Parent, Guardian, or Custodian~~

~~A student who has completed the final year of home education, and has successfully fulfilled the high school curriculum (applicable to the student) may be granted a high school diploma by the student's parent, guardian, or custodian. Any diploma granted to a student after July 1, 2015, shall contain the official letter of excuse issued by the Superintendent for the student's final year of home education or certification signed by the Superintendent that the student and the student's parent have complied with State law regarding home education. The statement of certification shall read:~~

~~"I certify that the student named in this diploma and the student's parent have complied with R.C. 3321.04 (A)(2) regarding instruction at home and the related rules of the Ohio State Board of Education."~~

~~The Superintendent, when presented with such diploma for signature, shall sign the statement of certification included with the diploma if the student and the parent have complied with the home instruction requirements.~~

R.C. 3313.5311, 3313.5312, [3313.5341](#), 3313.6110, 3321.03, 3321.04
A.C. 3301-34