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9270 - EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS (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.

Home Education

A parent electing to home-educate a child between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) shall provide notice to the Superintendent within five (5) calendar days after commencing home education, moving into the District, or withdrawing from the District or a nonpublic school, and by the thirtieth (30th) day of August each year thereafter. The notice shall include the parent's name and address, the child's name, and an assurance that the child will receive education in the following subject areas:

- A English language arts
- B Mathematics
- C Science
- D History
- E Government
- F Social Studies

The child's exemption from attending school shall be effective upon receipt of the notice. The Superintendent will send written acknowledgment of receipt of the notice within fourteen (14) calendar days. If there is evidence that a child exempt from school for home education is not receiving an education in the required subject areas, the child may be subject to truancy procedures in accordance with Policy 5200.

A child who is enrolled in the District following any period of home education shall be placed in the appropriate grade level, without discrimination or prejudice, in accordance with the policies of the Board.

~~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.~~

Extra-Curricular Activity Participation of Students Not Enrolled in District

A student who is educated at home is permitted to participate in any extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the Superintendent pursuant to R.C. 3319.01.

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 extracurricular activity offered by the District if the district to which the student is entitled to attend does not offer that extracurricular activity.

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 extracurricular activity offered by the District if (a) the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity, and (b) the extracurricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competitions in music, drama or forensics.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to participate in any extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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 education 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 education.
- B. If the student did not receive home schooling education 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 education 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 education after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time home schooling education commences, ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards or any other requirements of the District shall not participate in the extracurricular activity until the student meets the academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for continuation of home schooling education as verified by the Superintendent. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same semester in which the student as is determined ineligible.

No eligible home schooled educated or nonpublic school student will be charged any fees in excess of those fees charged to other students for participation in the same extracurricular activity.

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.

No eligible home educated 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 a college credit plus program as long as the student fulfills all academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements.

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