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## **PARTICIPATION BY HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Although New York State law does not recognize home schools as private elementary or secondary schools, the School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home schooling for their children realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

### **PROVISIONS OF SERVICES TO HOME-INSTRUCTED STUDENTS**

Home instructed students are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school, or the District.

#### **a. Interscholastic Athletics**

Students instructed at home are not eligible to participate in interscholastic sports.

Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports.

#### **b. Extracurricular Participation**

Extracurricular activities are considered a part of the education program of Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi. They are generally available only for students regularly enrolled within the District. The District, however, will consider any request by a student of school age, who is instructed at home, to participate in extracurricular activities (other than interscholastic or intramural sports which are not allowed as per Commissioner's Regulations) according to the following provisions:

- 1) The Board may consider the participation of home-schooled students in non-credit-bearing organized school activities such as clubs that are not open to the general public and that occur outside of the regular school day.
- 2) Such participation may be granted by the Superintendent or Building Principal, subject to compliance with the conditions, rules, regulations, Code of Conduct, and requirements applied to all other students within the school district. The Superintendent or Building Principal may revoke permission should a student violate District rules, regulations, Code of Conduct, or otherwise fail to meet district requirements.
- 3) Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the home instructed student will not increase faculty or staff size, and will result in no increase in costs to the district.

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4) Students instructed at home may participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities as long as they meet NYS immunization requirements for students enrolled in public schools including documentation of immunization to, or a medical exemption for immunization from, the same communicable diseases required for entry into the public schools, consistent with provisions set forth in NYS law.

b. Textbooks and Materials

The District shall not provide textbooks and other instructional materials to home-instructed students.

c. Health Services

The School District is not required to furnish health services.

d. Remedial Programs

The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.

e. Career and Technical / Gifted Education

The District is not authorized to provide Occupational and Vocational Education programs (career and technical education) nor programs for the Gifted to home-instructed students.

f. Use of School Facilities

Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations or for participated in extracurricular activities as outlined in this policy.

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