



In addition to the requirements of this policy, the District shall abide by the rules contained in the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) Handbook governing interscholastic activity participation of students who are home-schooled. Areas of eligibility criteria, such as a student's age and semesters of eligibility, are the same for home-schooled and traditional students and are governed by the current AAA Handbook.

Extracurricular activities are defined as: any school sponsored program where students from one or more schools meet, work, perform, practice under supervision outside of regular class time, or are competing for the purpose of receiving an award, rating, recognition, or criticism, or qualification for additional competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, band, choral music, math or science competitions, and club activities.

Home-schooled students whose parents' domicile, as defined in AAA Rules, is within the district's boundaries may be eligible to participate in District or the applicable attendance zone's school extracurricular activities subject to the requirements set forth in this policy. While this policy prescribes the criteria for initial and continuing eligibility, actual participation will be dependent upon the same try-out criteria, or other requirement as may be applicable, as for any regularly enrolled student.

A student whose application for eligibility to participate in a District extracurricular activity is accepted is required to enroll in at least one (1) course in the District's school where the student is intending to participate in an extracurricular activity. All forms, vaccinations, and identifications required of a traditional student's enrollment shall apply to the home-schooled student.

A home school student shall be given the opportunity to try out for an athletic or non-athletic competitive activity or team in their resident public school district if the following criteria are met:

- 1) Inform the principal of the resident school district in writing (4.56.2F) of their request to participate in the interscholastic activity before the signup, tryout, or participation deadlines established for students enrolled in the resident school district.
- 2) Inform the principal in the request that the student has demonstrated academic eligibility by obtaining: a minimum test score of the thirtieth (30th) percentile on The Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition, or another nationally

recognized norm-referenced test in the previous (12) months, or a minimum score on a test approved by the State Board of Education.

- 3) In order to be eligible to participate, the student must be enrolled within the first eleven (11) days of the fall or spring semester.
- 4) Meets the same requirements as enrolled students in regards to practice times, required drug testing, permission slips, waivers, physical exams, and participation fees.
- 5) The student cannot be required to be enrolled in more than one (1) period per school day.
- 6) Be transported by the resident school district to and from interscholastic activities as the resident school district transports other students who are enrolled in the resident school district.
- 7) If the student withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to be home-schooled, the student shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in the resident school district for minimum of (365) days after the student withdraws from the member school.
- 8) Met the academic eligibility requirements for home-schooled students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) identified in the AAA Handbook;
- 9) Complied with all practice times;
- 10) Complied with the District Student Handbook and any supplementary requirements or conditions for participation in extra-curricular activities and AAA standards of behavior and codes of conduct;
- 11) Completed any required permission slips, waivers, physical exams, and drug testing;
- 12) Ridden to and from the student's extracurricular activity on a school bus to the extent such is required of traditional students;
- 13) Paid any participation fee traditional students enrolled in the District pay for the same extracurricular activity;
- 14) Met all the academic and co-curricular requirements of the course relating to the student's non-athletic competitive activity; and
- 15) Met all other requirements for continued eligibility identified in the AAA Handbook.

The District may reject an application if its acceptance would necessitate the addition of staff or classrooms, exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building, or cause the District to provide educational services not currently provided in the affected school.

The Superintendent shall approve those applications which meet the enrollment application requirements identified in this policy and AAA Rules and shall deny those that don't meet the requirements.

Legal References: Arkansas Activities Association Handbook
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