

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: **Student Participation in
Extracurricular Activities and
Interscholastic Athletics**

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PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Definitions:

All students who are regularly enrolled in the Penn Manor School District, and all students who reside in the School District and (a) who are enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school, or (b) who are enrolled in a home education program, may participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics offered by the School District provided that they meet established try-out and eligibility requirements and maintain the required standards for participation set forth in this policy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student enrolled in a charter school may not participate in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity provided by the School District if the charter school provides the same extracurricular or interscholastic activity.

For the purpose of this policy, **extracurricular activities** include those programs or activities that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside of the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, clubs, musical ensembles, athletics and theatrical productions.

For the purpose of this policy, **interscholastic athletics** include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sports contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur between schools within this School District or schools outside of this School District.

For the purpose of this policy, **charter school** shall mean an independent public school established and operated under a charter from the Board of School Directors and in which students are enrolled or attend. A charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit corporation.

<p>Eligibility Requirements:</p>	<p>For the purpose of this policy, <u>regional charter school</u> shall mean an independent public school established and operated under a charter from more than one local board of school directors and in which the students are enrolled and attend. A regional charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit corporation.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <u>cyber charter school</u> shall mean an independent public school established and operated under a charter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and in which the school uses technology in order to provide a significant portion of its curriculum and to deliver a significant portion of its instruction to its students through the Internet or other electronic means. A cyber charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit corporation.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, <u>home school student</u> shall mean a student who is enrolled in a home education program.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <u>home education program</u> shall mean a program conducted in compliance with Section 1327.1 of the School Code and other applicable law by the parent or guardian or other person having legal custody of the student.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <u>supervisor</u> shall mean the parent or guardian or other person having legal custody of a student enrolled in a home education program who shall be responsible for the provision of home instruction, provided that such person has a high school diploma or its equivalent.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <u>full school day</u> shall mean being in attendance no later than 30 minutes after the start of the school day and leaving no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day. Any student arriving later than 30 minutes after the start of school or leaving more than 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day must submit, in order to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics, a late arrival or early dismissal note from a parent with an attached note from a physician. Exceptions to this provision may be granted by the building administration only under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>The Board has established the following eligibility requirements for student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics:</p> <p><u>Medical/Physical:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior to participating in any interscholastic athletic program a student
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must undergo a physical evaluation performed by a licensed physician of medical or osteopathic medicine, a certified registered nurse practitioner, a school nurse practitioner, or a certified physician assistant. Before each subsequent athletic season the student must be reevaluated by a licensed physician of medical or osteopathic medicine, a certified registered nurse practitioner, a school nurse practitioner, or a certified physician assistant and deemed satisfactory for athletic participation.

- a. The physical evaluation for fall athletic programs shall not be performed earlier than June 1.
- b. The physical evaluation for winter and spring athletic programs shall not be performed earlier than six weeks prior to the first practice day for each applicable sport.
- c. The student must submit a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Physician's Certificate and a Penn Manor Sports Screening Form signed by a licensed physician of medical or osteopathic medicine, a certified registered nurse practitioner, a school nurse practitioner, or a certified physician assistant and a parent/guardian prior to participation.
- d. If the School District offers physical examinations or medical tests to students enrolled in the School District, the School District shall permit a student who is enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home education program to access such physical examinations or medical tests. The School District shall publish the dates and times of the physical examinations or medical tests in a publication of general circulation in the School District and on its publicly accessible internet website.

2. The School District requires that all students participating in interscholastic athletics have either accident insurance or that the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) assume responsibility for all injuries incurred as a result of their child's participation. The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must submit evidence of insurance to fulfill this requirement.

Academic:

1. Any student with one or more failing grade(s) or incomplete course requirements will be declared ineligible for one (1) week. Each student shall submit grade reports for each course to the coach or activity sponsor each Friday (or the last day of the week that school is in session) to demonstrate eligibility to participate.

2. Any student who fails one or more marking period grades will be

<p>1. Policy Statement</p> <p>2. Policy Purpose</p> <p>3. Definition: Individually Identifiable Health Information</p>	<p>in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics during the period of suspension. He/She may not practice, participate in or attend any school activity or competition, home or away, during the period of suspension.</p> <p>a. Any student serving an In-School-Suspension (ISS) must leave the campus at the conclusion of the school day and may not return until the start of the next school day (7:15 a.m.). The school day for students serving In-School-Suspension concludes at the end of the after-school detention period (3:55 p.m.).</p> <p>b. Any student serving Out-of-School-Suspension may not be on campus for any reason during the suspension period. Students serving Out-of-School-Suspension may not return to school or be on school property until the morning of their scheduled return (7:15 a.m.).</p> <p>2. Any student expelled from the School District may neither participate in nor attend any extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic events during the period of exclusion.</p> <p>Students Enrolled in Charter Schools, Regional Charter Schools, Cyber Charter Schools and Home Education Programs:</p> <p>1. Any student enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home education program is required to meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth in this policy.</p> <p>2. The charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school that the student attends, or the supervisor of the home education program, must provide weekly documentation, in form and substance as requested by the School District's superintendent, to verify that the student is eligible in accordance with the requirements of this policy.</p> <p>a. Documentation must be received by the School District in accordance with the established timeliness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Notification - By 8:00 a.m. each Friday or the last day of the week that school is in session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immediate notification shall be given if the student withdraws from the charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home education program. Such notification shall include the reason for the withdrawal and the date of withdrawal. • Attendance Notification - By 8:10 a.m. on the day of the absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immediate notification shall be given if the student's
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home address changes.

- Discipline Notification - By 3:00 p.m. on the day the consequence is levied. Notification must include the assigned dates of the suspension.
 - Immediate notification shall be given of any exclusion or expulsion. Such notification must include the offense and specify the period of exclusion.

3. The School District will not be responsible for transporting a student who is enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home education program to and/or from any scheduled practice, meeting, rehearsal or other event which takes place at the school which the student would attend if he/she were enrolled in the School District. A student who is enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home education program and who participates in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity held at the school which the student would attend if he/she were enrolled in the School District and that begins during regular daily school hours shall report directly to the main office or other designated area to sign in. If the extracurricular or interscholastic activity concludes before the main office or designated area has closed, the student must sign out at the same location.

If the extracurricular or interscholastic activity is scheduled to take place at a location other than the school which the student would attend if he/she were enrolled in the School District, then transportation from the school which the student would attend if he/she were enrolled in the School District to the location of the extracurricular or interscholastic activity will be provided if the same transportation is provided to students who are regularly enrolled in the School District. However, it is the responsibility of the student to timely report to his/her school so that transportation to the extracurricular or interscholastic activity can be provided. It is also the responsibility of the student to ensure that the student has transportation to return home from his/her school after the extracurricular or interscholastic activity is concluded. In no event shall the School District provide transportation to a student who is enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school that is different from, or in addition to, the transportation provided to students who are in the School District.

4. The School District shall maintain a listing of extracurricular and interscholastic activities provided by the School District. This listing shall be deemed to be a public record within the meaning of the Pennsylvania Public Records Act.

Home School Access to Extra-Curricular Activities

Home school students have access to Penn Manor programs that meet wholly or partly beyond regular school hours. Home school students must meet the same performance and audition standards met by Penn Manor students.

Programs open to home school enrollment:

- Interscholastic athletic teams
- After school intramural programs
- Scholastic art and writing competitions
- Middle level spelling competitions – after school
- High school band, orchestra, chorus – no credit
- Middle school band, orchestra, chorus
- Elementary band, orchestra, chorus – no instruction
- TSA – technology competition
- Rocket club competition
- School newspaper
- School literary magazine
- Clubs with functions beyond normal school day
- FFA – if able to meet national requirements
- Science Fair competitions
- Clubs – if funded in part by school district

Programs closed to home school enrollment:

- Credited curricular programs
- Elementary spelling competition – in school day
- Fitness classes – not required to be part of sport