

DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

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137.1-AG PARTICIPATION BY HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Parents/Guardians of home education students who wish to participate in any academic program must contact the building principal to set up a meeting on or before August 1st of the school year in which they are requesting to participate. At this meeting, the parent/guardian and student will be requested to complete all necessary enrollment and scheduling information.

The parents/guardians and the student who wishes to participate in established activities which are not governed by Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) activities must meet with the building principal in order to make arrangements for participation.

The parents/guardians and the student who wishes to participate in PIAA sports must meet with the building principal, appropriate coach and Athletic Director according to the following schedule:

1. Fall sports by August 1st.
2. Winter sports by October 15th.
3. Spring sports by February 15th.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics must also submit written documentation of a physical examination performed not more than six (6) weeks prior to participation.

When the district provides to district students a physical examination or medical test required for participation in an interscholastic athletic program, the district will provide the same opportunity to students enrolled in a home education program.

The district will publish in a publication of general circulation and on the district's web site the dates and times for physical examinations and medical tests required for participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

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Elementary School Age Students

The following listing of programs and services provides administrative guidelines for clarifying participation by home education students in district elementary school programs/services depending on class sizes:

1. Basic regular education program at all grade levels – Yes
2. Enrichment programs:
 - a. DEEP – Yes
 - b. Special education – Yes
 - c. Assemblies – Yes*
 - d. Field trips – Yes**
 - e. Field days – Yes*
3. Support services:
 - a. Health/Medical/Dental – Yes (mandated services only)
 - b. Standardized testing – Yes
 - c. Guidance services – Yes
 - d. IST services/evaluations – No (unless core classes are taken.)
4. Extracurricular activities – Student Election:
 - a. Intramurals/Clubs – Yes*
 - b. Band/Chorus/Orchestra – Yes* (must qualify through audition)
 - c. Music lessons – Yes*

*With parent/guardian remaining on site in case of emergency

**Parent/Guardian may be asked to chaperone child on field trip and would need required clearances