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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide to charter school students who are residents of the Canton Area School District an equal opportunity to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities when their charter schools do not provide those activities as required by the Charter School Law.

Definitions

Extracurricular activities - are programs which go beyond the scope of the instructional program and require voluntary participation on the part of the student. These activities would not be used to evaluate students for grades in curricular areas.[1]

Interscholastic athletics - includes all Board approved activities relating to competitive sport contests, games, events or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of the Canton Area School District whenever such events occur between schools within the school district with any schools outside this school district.[2]

Charter school students - are those school-aged children who are residents of the Canton Area School District and who are enrolled in an approved charter school or cyber charter school established pursuant to the Pennsylvania Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§17-1701-A, et seq.[3]

Authority

Authority The Board shall approve participation in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school who meets all the conditions stated in Board policy and the charter or cyber charter school does not provide the same extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.[1][2][3][4][5][6]

The Board shall not provide individual transportation for students enrolled in charter or cyber charter schools who participate in the district's extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletic programs. When the district provides transportation to and from an away competition, game, event or exhibition and requires district students to use district transportation, charter/cyber charter students shall be required to use the transportation provided by the district.

The Board may require the charter or cyber charter school to pay the cost of the expenses for its students' participation in the district's extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletic programs.

Charter school students shall be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and to participate in the Canton Area School District's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics provided that all of the following conditions are met:[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

1. The charter school in which the charter school student is enrolled does not provide the same extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletics.
2. The charter school student meets all of the eligibility criteria or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the Canton Area School District, including, without limitation, those set forth in or promulgated pursuant to District Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities), District Policy No. 123 (Interscholastic Athletics) and District Policy No. 227.1 (Drug and Alcohol Awareness For Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities and Student Drivers). These criteria include, without limitation, verification of requisite academic achievement, fulfillment of attendance requirements, and any applicable physical fitness, height or weight restrictions.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[6\]](#)
3. The charter school student meets all criteria for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the Canton Area School District.
4. The charter school student meets all policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of any governing organization of the activity (e.g., Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and any other district policy guidelines).
5. The charter school student complies with all school district policies and any team rules or regulations required by the activity sponsor, or their equivalent, that apply to students enrolled in the Canton Area School District while participating in that activity (e.g., attendance at practices, prohibition of possession or use of tobacco or alcohol, etc.).
6. The completion of any medical examination or medical test required of students enrolled in the Canton Area School District as a condition of participation in the activity.

An eligible charter school student will be given the opportunity to participate only in the extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics at the school building to which the student would be assigned if s/he were enrolled in the Canton Area School District.

The school district shall not be responsible for providing transportation for charter school students to or from the Canton Area School District's schools. Such transportation shall be the responsibility of the charter school student and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). When the Canton Area School District provides transportation to and from a contest, game, exhibition or event at another school and requires students to use the transportation provided by the school district, charter school students likewise shall be required to use such transportation.

Whenever Canton Area School District students that participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics are required to assume all or part of the costs of such participation or to furnish equipment, musical instruments or supplies used in that activity, charter school students shall be subject to the same requirements.

Whenever the Canton Area School District requires students that participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics to furnish evidence of accident or health insurance, charter school students shall be subject to the same requirements.

Guidelines

Charter and cyber charter school students shall be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

A charter or cyber charter school student may only participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs at the school building closest to the charter or cyber charter school or at the school building the student would be assigned to if s/he was enrolled in the school district.

The following conditions shall govern participation in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by eligible charter and cyber charter school students, who shall:

- 1. Be a resident of the school district.**
- 2. Meet the required eligibility criteria.**
- 3. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the coverage requirements for district students.**
- 4. Comply with Board policies and school rules and regulations regarding extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletics, and student discipline.**
- 5. Comply with policies, rules and regulations of the activity's governing organization.**
- 6. Meet attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.**
- 7. Meet the requirements for physical examinations, physical fitness and any height and/or weight restrictions.**
- 8. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff, coaches, and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.**

If a class for credit held during the school day and by the school district is required for participation in activities that take place outside of the class, charter / cyber charter students shall not be eligible to participate in such activities.

Prior to going out for an activity, a charter school student shall submit required documents and written verification of eligibility to the building principal or designee, including the following:

1. The charter school must provide written verification that it does not provide the same extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletics in which the charter school student seeks to participate.
2. The charter school must submit weekly reports of adequate academic progress. The building principal will provide the specifications for the weekly report to be furnished.
3. The charter school must submit weekly reports of attendance.
4. The charter school student must submit evidence of completion of any required medical examination or medical test.
5. The charter school student must submit any other documentation, fees or other information required of participating students enrolled in the Canton Area School District.
6. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with the requirements for district students and submit proof of such.
7. Comply with all requirements and directives of the district staff coaches and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

Process for Charging Charter or Cyber Students Who are Canton Area School District Residents

Participation will be based on available space.

Curricular Charges –

For a charter or cyber student who attends a curricular class at Canton Area School District, the Business Office will calculate a prorated annual tuition charge based on the current PDE approved elementary or secondary tuition rate for the class taken by the charter or cyber school student.

Example:

A charter or cyber student taking AP Math for a full year would be charged by dividing the current PDE approved secondary tuition rate by the number of courses per day.

Co-Curricular Charge –

For a charter or cyber student who attends a co-curricular class at Canton Area School District, the Business Office will calculate a prorated hourly tuition charge based on the current PDE approved elementary or secondary tuition rate for the class taken by the charter or cyber school student.

Example:

A charter or cyber student taking band for a full year would be charged by dividing the current PDE approved secondary tuition rate by 990 hours, for a charge per hour, times the number of hours band meets during and after school.

Extracurricular Charge -

For a charter or cyber school student who participates in an extracurricular activity at Canton Area School District, the Business Office will calculate a prorated participation charge based on the current year's budgeted cost of that activity divided by the number of participants.

Example:

A charter or cyber student participating in high school football for a full season would be charged by dividing the total budgeted cost of the program by the number of participants.

Payment Process for Charter or Cyber Students

For any charter or cyber school student who attends a curricular, co-curricular and/or extracurricular class or activity at the Canton Area School District, the Business Office will bill the charter or cyber school the prorated charges as calculated above. In the event of nonpayment, the Business Office will request an adjustment/deduction to the subsidy payment.

Student Accounting

Canton Area School District will register and record as resident students and include in its Average Daily Membership (ADM) reported to PDE, any charter or cyber school students who participate in curricular, co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities for the prorated time those students are enrolled in Canton Area School District.

Delegation of Responsibility

The building principal or designee shall receive and review written verification from the charter or cyber charter school that a student has met and continues to meet the established eligibility criteria for an extracurricular activity or interscholastic athletic program.

The district shall distribute information regarding eligibility criteria and student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics to all affected by them.

The district shall develop a procedure to ensure that charter and cyber charter students have access to information regarding the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs.

Legal	1. Pol. 122
	2. Pol. 123
	3. 24 P.S. 1701-A et seq
	4. 24 P.S. 511
	5. 24 P.S. 1719-A
	6. Pol. 227.1
	22 PA Code 4.12
	22 PA Code 4.13
	22 PA Code 4.4
	Pol. 140
	Pol. 204
	Pol. 218
Cross References	24 P.S. 1749-A
	24 P.S. 1743-A