



**SECTION: PROGRAMS**

**POLICY: 137**

**TITLE: HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

### **A. Program**

- a. A student who is enrolled in a home education program shall be deemed to have met the requirements if the program provides a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction, or nine hundred (900) hours of instruction per year at the elementary level, or nine hundred ninety (990) hours per year at the secondary level.
- b. At the elementary level, the following courses shall be taught: English, to include spelling, reading and writing; arithmetic; science; geography; history of the United States and Pennsylvania; civics; safety education, including regular and continuous instruction in the dangers and prevention of fires; health and physiology; physical education; music; and art.
- c. At the secondary level, the following courses shall be taught: English, to include language, literature, speech and composition; science; geography; social studies, to include civics, world history, history of the United States and Pennsylvania; mathematics, to include general mathematics, algebra and geometry; art; music; physical education; health; and safety education, including regular and continuous instruction in the dangers and prevention of fires.
- d. Courses of study may include, at the discretion of the supervisor: economics; biology; chemistry; foreign languages; trigonometry; or other age appropriate courses required by the State Board of Education.

### **B. Extracurricular Activities**

- a. The District shall permit a child who is enrolled in a Home Education Program to participate in any activity that is subject to Section 511 of the School Code, including, but not limited to, clubs, musical ensembles, athletics, and theatrical productions (collectively, the "Activity"), provided that the child meets the eligibility criteria or their equivalent for participation in the Activity that apply to students enrolled in the District; meets the tryout criteria or their equivalent for participation in the Activity; and complies with all policies, rules and regulations or their equivalent of the governing organization of the Activity.
- b. The District's program of interscholastic athletics, including varsity sports, shall be considered an Activity and shall include all activities related to competitive sports contest, games, events or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students whenever such activities occur between schools within the District or between schools outside of the District.
- c. Where the Activity requires completion of a physical examination or medical test as a condition of participation and the District offers such physical examination or medical test to

students enrolled in the District, the District shall permit a child who is enrolled in a Home Education Program to access such physical examination or medical test in a publication of general circulation in the District and on its publicly accessible website.

C. Placement

- a. If a student returns to school after being home schooled (grades K-8), the child will be placed in an age/academically appropriate grade. The Child Study Team designated by the principal will use curriculum-based assessment and will make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding placement. The Superintendent will have final authority for making the determination of placement.
- b. For grades 9-12, the student must show evidence of having completed the prerequisites necessary to move on to higher level courses. No letter grade or corresponding point value can be assigned to courses completed (per verification of the home school evaluator) prior to entry/re-entry into the high school. Therefore, the student cannot be assigned a grade point average or class rank. As a result, it is the student's responsibility to note this on transcripts required for entry into post secondary schools.