

# Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: Participation In Extracurricular  
Activities and Interscholastic Athletics

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122.1 PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	
1. Purpose	<p>All students who reside in the Palmyra Area 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 Palmyra Area 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 Palmyra Area School if the charter school provides the same extracurricular or interscholastic activity.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>extracurricular activities</b> include those programs or activities that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly outside of the regular school day; 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.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>interscholastic athletics</b> include all activities relating to competitive or exhibition sports contests, games or events involving individual students or teams of students when such events occur with schools outside of the Palmyra Area School District.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>charter school</b> 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> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>regional charter school</b> 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</p>

	<p>corporation.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>cyber charter school</b> 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 the purpose of this policy, <b>home school student</b> shall mean a student who is enrolled in a home education program.</p> <p>For the purpose of this policy, <b>home education program</b> 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, <b>supervisor</b> 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>3. Eligibility</p>	<p>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 written documentation, in form and substance as requested by the Palmyra School District's superintendent or designee, to verify that the student is eligible in accordance with the district's requirements.</p> <p>This written documentation must be received by the appropriate building principal no later than 3:00 PM each Friday or the last day of the week that school is in session.</p>
<p>4. Transportation</p>	<p>Transportation:</p> <p>The Palmyra Area School District will not be responsible for the transportation of 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 any school within the Palmyra Area School District.</p> <p>If the extracurricular or interscholastic activity is scheduled to take place at a location other than a school within the boundaries of the Palmyra Area School District, then transportation from a school within the 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 Palmyra Area 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 Palmyra Area School District provide transportation to a student</p>

	<p>who is enrolled in a charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or home school program that is different from, or in addition to, the transportation provided to students who are enrolled in the Palmyra Area School District.</p>
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