

### *Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities*

District Policy No. 5311 entitled “Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities” limits participation in the District’s educational program, curricular activities, athletics, school organizations, student publications, or extracurricular activities, with the exception of Conestoga High School club sports, to students enrolled in the District on a full-time basis unless participation is mandated by law.

#### Participation in the District’s Educational Program

To the extent required by Section 502 of the School Code, students who reside in the District but who receive their education in a setting other than a public school may participate in District offerings for which they would be eligible if they attended school in the District such as vocational schools, technical schools, and other educational departments.

#### Participation in the District’s Extracurricular Activities

##### Students Enrolled in Private Schools

Students enrolled in private schools may not participate in any District extracurricular activities with the following exception and limitations:

Unless the school they attend fields a team in the club sport in which they wish to participate, District residents who do not attend Conestoga High School but who previously played for a club team in that sport while attending a District school, may participate in Conestoga High School club sports that do not make roster cuts appropriate to their age or grade, whichever applicable. Private school students who wish to participate in Conestoga High School club sports must meet the same eligibility criteria, or its equivalent, as students enrolled in school, meet the try-out criteria, or its equivalent, and comply with all policies, rules and regulations of the governing organization of the activity. No more than two non-Conestoga High School students may be rostered on a club sports team unless mandated by law. The club coach will make the decision as to which players are eligible if more than two non-Conestoga High School students request to be on the team.

As is the case with students regularly attending Conestoga, the staff of the athletic office will contact the head of the private school periodically to determine if the individual student is meeting the academic and attendance eligibility requirements that Conestoga High School students must meet in order to continue participation in the club sport.

##### Students in Intermediate Unit Placements, Approved Private Schools, Non-Traditional Placements, or other alternative placements

Students in approved private schools, non-traditional placements or other alternative placements who have been placed in these placements by the District are permitted to participate in the extracurricular activities offered by the District as if the students were attending District schools. Such student may also participate in the District’s educational program or in co-curricular experiences if permitted or required by the student’s Individualized Education Program (“IEP”).

### Charter Schools

Students in charter schools have a right to participate in the District's extracurricular activities if the charter school does not provide the same extracurricular activity. Charter school students who wish to participate in such activities must meet the same eligibility criteria, or its equivalent, as students enrolled in school, meet the try-out criteria, or its equivalent, and comply with all policies, rules and regulations of the governing organization of the activity. These criteria policies, rules and regulations are contained in the student handbook for the applicable school.

For interscholastic athletics, as is the case with students regularly attending Conestoga, the staff of the athletic office will contact the head of the charter school periodically to determine if the individual student is meeting the academic and attendance eligibility requirements specified by PIAA.

While in school or at school activities, charter school students are responsible to meet the guidelines, as established by Board policy, in the student handbook, and/or in classroom/course/activity procedures. They will be subject to the same disciplinary measures, grading, class, and attendance regulations required of fully enrolled students.

### Home Educated

Home-educated students are permitted to participate in District activities such as clubs, musical ensembles, athletics (such as varsity sports) and theatrical productions, and up to two hours of District academic courses a day. Where a co-curricular activity requires that a District student take an academic or co-curricular class for credit, a home-educated student will be given the opportunity to participate on the same basis as other students enrolled in the District. The District assumes no obligation to transport a home-educated student to such a class. Home-educated students who wish to participate in such activities must meet the same eligibility criteria, or its equivalent, as students enrolled in school, meet the try-out criteria, or its equivalent, and comply with all policies rules and regulations of the governing organization of the activity. These criteria policies, rules and regulations are contained in the student handbook for the applicable school. In order to enroll in an academic or co-curricular class, the student must satisfy the enrollment, residency and other registration requirements of Policy 5001 Enrollment and Registration Requirements and Verification of Student Residency.

For interscholastic athletics, as is the case with students regularly attending Conestoga, the staff of the athletic office will contact the parent periodically to determine if the individual student is meeting the academic eligibility requirements specified by PIAA.

While in school or at school activities, home-educated students are responsible to meet the guidelines, as established by Board policy, in the student handbook, and/or in classroom/course/activity procedures. They will be subject to the same disciplinary measures, grading, class, and attendance regulations required of fully enrolled students.

If the District offers a physical exam or medical test as a condition of participation in the specific activity, then the exam or test will be available to home-educated students. The dates

and times of such physicals or tests shall be made available on the District's website or a general circulation publication.

In regard to home-education students identified as needing special education services pursuant to provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, the home education program shall (1) address the specific needs of the exceptional student and (2) be approved by a teacher with a valid certificate from the state to teach special education or a licensed clinical or certified school psychologist. As such, the supervisor of a home education program may request that the District or the intermediate unit provide services that address the specific needs of the exceptional student in the home education program. When the provision of services is agreed to by both the supervisor and the District or intermediate unit, all services shall be provided in the public schools of the District or in a private school licensed to provide such programs and services.

#### Students on Homebound Instruction

Students on homebound instruction due to a physician's note may be allowed to participate in the District's educational program or in any co-curricular experiences or extracurricular activities provided that the participation is not inconsistent with the medical reasons for the absence from school.

#### Other Alternative Placements (Residential Treatment Facilities, Partial Hospitalization, Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions).

These students may participate in academic programs and courses as if they were in private schools to the extent that their medical condition permits them. Unless the District makes the placement, they may not participate in extracurricular activities, unless the placement is of short duration and failure to allow participation could be construed as a violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION  
IN SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES ASSUMING STUDENT MEETS STUDENT  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS**

<b>Location of Enrollment</b>	<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	<b>Co-curricular experiences</b>	<b>Educational Program</b>
1. Private School	No, except for Conestoga HS club sports	Yes*	Yes*
2. Charter School	Yes #	No	No
3. Home-educated##	Yes	Yes	Yes, subject to certain time limitations.
4. Homebound	Yes, subject to medical limitations	Yes, subject to medical limitations	Yes, subject to medical limitations
5. Approved Private School or Non-Traditional Placement	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
6. Alternative Placement (Intermediate Unit, RTF, Partial Hospitalization, PRRI)	Yes, subject to medical limitations	Yes, subject to medical limitations	Yes, subject to medical limitations

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