

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	POLICY CODE: IHBG-R
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PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BY HOME EDUCATED AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

The Board recognizes the right of parents to home educate their children consistent with the provisions RSA 193-A or to send their children to a nonpublic school. The Board also recognizes the right of home educated pupils or pupils attending nonpublic schools to have access to curricular courses and co-curricular programs offered by the District. Access to such programs shall be consistent with the provisions of RSA 193:1-c and these administrative regulations.

Participation in Curricular Courses

Requests by home educated or nonpublic school pupils for participation in curricular courses shall be made in writing by the parent/guardian to the building principal. The following criteria and conditions are established:

1. The curricular course is developmentally and academically appropriate for the pupil.
2. All course prerequisite requirements are met.
3. Transportation to and from school generally shall not be provided. The principal may make an exception to this condition based on his/her review of all pertinent circumstances. The principal's decision shall be final.
4. Pupils participating in curricular courses are expected to maintain punctual attendance and complete all required coursework, homework, exams, etc. as established by the teacher or instructor.
5. The parent/guardian may be required to provide proof of prior course work to establish academic appropriateness and/or to establish that all academic prerequisites have been met.
6. If the pupil is taking the course for credit or grade, such credit or grade will be granted only after the completion of the class.
7. Requests for participation that are received after class schedules have been made will be granted only if there is space available.
8. Requests for the related services including, but not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, psychological, guidance, and/or special education services shall generally be denied. If a dispute arises between the parent/guardian and this District as to the pupil's right to these services, the building principal shall inform the Superintendent, who shall consult the District's attorney for a legal opinion.

Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities

Requests by home educated or nonpublic school pupils for participation in extra-curricular activities shall be made in writing by the parent/guardian to the building principal. Extra-curricular activities include, but are not necessarily limited to field trips, excursions, athletics (including intramurals), band, chorus, clubs, organizations, school dances, and others.

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The following criteria and conditions are hereby established:

1. The parent/guardian must provide prior written permission for participation.
2. The participating pupil agrees to abide by all Board policies relative to student code of conduct and eligibility.
3. Participation in the activity is developmentally appropriate for the pupil.
4. The building principal may ask the parent/guardian to chaperone an event.
5. Coaches, teachers and group/club supervisors may establish their own rules relative to participation, attendance, and expectations, provided such rules are not contrary to this Appendix or its corresponding policy. Participating home educated and nonpublic school pupils are expected to abide by those rules as well.
6. Home educated or nonpublic school pupils may be required to provide proof of a recent physical examination from their physician for participation in athletic activities, consistent with other board policies relative to athletic participation.

Use of School Texts and Library Materials

Home educated and nonpublic school pupils will be permitted to use the school library, borrow school texts and borrow library materials under the same conditions and rules as pupil enrolled in the District.