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## **Relations with Homeschooled Students**

The district recognizes the rights of parents to educate students at home and acknowledges the ESD's role in registering and monitoring test results for students who are being taught at home.

The following guidelines govern the district relationship to the homeschooled student:

- 1. A student who is homeschooled may enroll in a course(s) in any given trimester or year. Placement will be determined by the building principal and will be appropriate to the student's age and ability. Application for enrollment by a homeschool student must be in writing and contain:
  - a. Reason for course request;
  - b. Evidence that the student is involved in a specific homeschool program/correspondence program; and
  - c. Evidence that the student is registered as a homeschool student with the ESD.

Placements will be on a space available basis and may be denied in cases of severe overcrowding. As with any regularly enrolled student, attendance is required and abuse of the attendance policies established by the school will result in forfeiture of the privilege to enroll.

- 2. Textbooks, materials, equipment, supplies or other resources will not normally be furnished by the school district for homeschooled students. The district will furnish basic course descriptions, state standards for elementary and secondary education when available, may furnish basic instructional materials upon deposit of a loss\damage fee. Pages from district curriculum guides may be copied at the rate normally charged to patrons of the district. If additional textbooks or instruction materials are available they may be loaned to the student upon a deposit for damage or loss.
- 3. A student who withdraws by choice from enrollment in a course may not re-enroll until the following school trimester.
- 4. The Board reaffirms its prerogative not to accept home instruction course credit toward graduation requirements.
- 5. The homeschool student may participate in interscholastic activities if the following criteria are met:
  - a. The student is in compliance with all rules governing homeschooling.
  - b. The student can meet the school district eligibility requirements except the school district or class attendance requirements.
  - c. Students need not meet class requirement of the voluntary association administering the interscholastic activities.
  - d. The student can achieve the minimum score on an examination from the list adopted by the State Board of Education. The minimum composite test score that a student must achieve shall place the student at or above the 23rd percentile based on national norms. The examination shall be taken at the end of each school year. Students may participate while awaiting test results.
  - e. The student must fulfill the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance including related class or practice requirements of other students participating in the interscholastic activity. The students must meet the same standards for acceptance on the team or squad. The student must also comply with all public school requirements during the time of participation. The parent shall submit the examination results to the district; or the district may adopt alternative requirements, in consultation with the parent, that a student must meet to participate in interscholastic activities, including, but not limited to,

- a requirement that a student submit a portfolio of work samples to the district for review to determine whether a student is eligible to participate in interscholastic activities.
- f. The student must reside in the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates.

An interscholastic activity is defined as an activity:

- 1. With optional student participation which complements the curriculum, encourages students' physical, academic or social development;
- 2. Is supervised by school personnel; and
- 3. Is generally conducted outside the instructional day.

## **END OF POLICY**

## Legal Reference(s):

ORS 326.051	ORS 339.430	OAR 581-021-0034
ORS 329.465	ORS 339.460	OAR 581-021-0071
ORS 339.030	<u>OAR 581-021-0026</u> - <u>581-021-0029</u>	OAR 581-021-0210
ORS 339.035	OAR 581-021-0033	OAR 581-022-1350