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GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In recognizing the need for home schooled students residing in the Souderton Area School District to be provided with those activities which will more fully complete the scope of their education, the school district permits all of those home schooled students who meet the requirements of PA Act 169 of 1988 to participate in district-sponsored extracurricular activities (Policy 137). These activities shall include all of the activities judged by the building level administrators not affiliated with the curriculum of the respective school. This includes, but shall not be limited to, the secondary interscholastic athletic program as permitted by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association which permits home schooled students' participation in interscholastic sports. In order to participate in the district-sponsored activities program, home schooled students must abide by the following guidelines:

FEE: The Souderton Area School District has a \$175 activity fee to be paid by all middle and high school students if they choose to participate in any co-curricular activity, either athletic or non-athletic.

1. The school district will not provide any transportation to and from activities not already provided for regular students; however, transportation to activities outside the district will be provided in like kind for all participants of the activity.
2. Application to participate must be made in writing to the office of the Supervisor of Special Services. Application will require evidence of home education status in the Souderton Area School District, as well as evidence of all other required documentation necessary to participate in the activity (e.g., proof of insurance, physical examination for interscholastic athletics, etc.). An updated building-by-building listing of all activities available to home schooled students in each building will be available at the District Administrative building (Office of Special Services).
3. For further information to the Souderton Athletics see web site at - <https://sahs.soudertonsd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=95952&pageId=113044>

Application for participation in interscholastic sports must be made prior to the following dates:

August 1st – Fall Sports and Marching Band

November 1st – Winter Sports

February 18th – Spring Sports

Application for participation for other extracurricular activities can only be made at the time of registration of the students enrolled in the regular student body. Dates of registration will be published in the district newsletter.

4. All home schooled students involved in an activity in which academic eligibility is a necessity for participation will be required to submit a weekly-signed academic eligibility form on the Monday of each week to the activities office. These forms will be available in the Athletic Directors office and must be completed and signed by the Act 169 supervisor (parent, guardian or legal custodian) prior to being returned. Home schooled students will be subjected to the same eligibility requirements as mandated by the school and the PIAA.
5. When home schooled students are required to enter the building prior to the end of the school day in order to participate in an activity, they are to report directly to the main office upon entering the building and be registered as a visitor for that day. This is to be done without exception whenever the need arises.
6. As in the case with students in the regular curriculum, the Administration and the Board of school Directors of the Souderton Area School District reserve the right to terminate the participation of one schooled children in district-sponsored activities when conditions, at the discretion of the Administration and the Board, so warrant.
7. As in the case with students in the regular curriculum, home schooled students are restricted to participating in district sponsored activities operated within the boundaries of the school attendance area in which they reside.

In accordance with all of the rules and requirements of the Souderton Area School District, there shall be absolutely no prejudice demonstrated toward either the home schooled student or the regular student while participating in any activity. All rules for behavior, attendance, punctuality, equipment use, activity fees, etc., shall be identical for every participant. These guidelines shall be monitored on an annual basis and be amended accordingly to meet the needs of all those individuals involved with the extracurricular activities program of the Souderton Area School District, as well as the district itself.

Below is a list of the Souderton Area High School Interscholastic Athletic Program. For Middle and Elementary Level programs, please contact Megan Zweiback, Director of Pupil Services at the district office, 215-723-6061.

Fall Sports		
<i>Freshman</i> Field Hockey (girls) Football (boys)	<i>Junior Varsity</i> Field Hockey (girls) Football (boys) Soccer (boys) Soccer (girls) Volleyball (girls) Water Polo (boys) Water Polo (girls)	<i>Varsity</i> Cheerleading (girls) Cross Country (boys) Cross County (girls) Field Hockey (girls) Football (boys) Golf (Coed) Soccer (boys) Soccer (girls) Tennis (girls) Volleyball (girls) Water Polo (boys) Water Polo (girls)
Winter Sports		
	<i>Junior Varsity</i> Basketball (boys) Basketball (girls) Wrestling (boys)	<i>Varsity</i> Basketball (boys) Basketball (girls) Cheerleading (girls) Swimming/Diving (boys) Swimming/Diving (girls) Wrestling (boys)
Spring Sports		
	<i>Junior Varsity</i> Baseball (boys) Lacrosse (boys) Lacrosse (girls) Softball (girls) Volleyball (boys)	<i>Varsity</i> Baseball (boys) Lacrosse (boys) Lacrosse (girls) Softball (girls) Tennis (boys) Track (boys) Track (girls) Volleyball (boys)



Memorandum of Agreement for Participation of Home Schooled Students in the Souderton Area School District Extracurricular Activities

We have read the guidelines of the Souderton Area School District governing the participation of home schooled students in the district-sponsored extracurricular activities program and, by affixing our signatures to this agreement, agree to abide by said guidelines through the conclusion of my (our) child's participation in the activity. It is also understood that by signing this memorandum of agreement that my (our) child's participation in the activity is not guaranteed and that he (she) is subject to the same rules and responsibilities now governing the students of the Souderton Area School District.

Parent, guardian or custodian signature

Home schooled student signature

Date of agreement

Signature of district representative

Signature of sponsor