

SECTION: Programs

TITLE: Athletics

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Purpose SC 511	The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic and intramural athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all students of the district and to the community.	1 2 3 4
Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events or sport exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district with any schools outside the district.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, the program of intramural athletics shall include all activities relating to sporting contests, games, events, or sport exhibitions only involving individual or teams of students enrolled in the Catasauqua Area School District.</p>	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
Authority Title 22 Sec 5.217	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interschool and intramural athletic programs to male and female students on as equal a basis as is practicable and in accordance with State regulations.</p> <p>The Board shall provide school time accident medical coverage to include only the benefits of the policy currently in effect. All student athletes, including band members and cheerleaders, are covered and premium is paid by the district.</p> <p>The Board agrees to follow the eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the Athletic Director shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this district.</p>	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
SC §§ 1327.1(f.1), 1719-A(14), 1749-A(a)(1); BEC 24 PS § 17-1701-A	A child of school age who is enrolled in a home education program, a charter school, a cyber charter school, or a private school, and whose school district of residence is the Catasauqua Area School District, shall be allowed to participate in a District athletic activity to the same extent as a student attending the school to which the child would be assigned if he/she were enrolled in the Catasauqua Area School District, <i>provided that</i> —	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

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1. the child meets the eligibility criteria or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the District. The parents/guardian of a child enrolled in a charter school, cyber charter school, or private school must authorize such school to provide written confirmation to the District that the child meets the eligibility criteria (including copies of the child’s attendance records, grades, and other relevant records), and such school must provide the information in a timely manner;
2. the child meets the tryout criteria or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the District;
3. the child complies with all policies, rules, and regulations or their equivalent of the governing organization of the activity;
4. satisfactory arrangements are made to transport the child to/from the site(s) where District-enrolled students report for/are dismissed from the activity. The District is not required to provide transportation to or from an athletic activity for a child who is enrolled in a home education program, a charter school, a cyber charter school, or a private school;
5. if the child is enrolled in a charter school, cyber charter school, or private school, such school does not provide the same athletic activity; and
6. if the child is enrolled in a private school, the child may not participate in District interscholastic athletics governed by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) unless the PIAA authorizes the child’s participation.

Where an athletic activity requires completion of a physical examination or medical test as a condition of participation and the District offers such physical examination or medical test to students enrolled in the District, the District shall permit a child who is enrolled in a home education program, a charter school, a cyber charter school, or a private school to access such physical examination or test. The District shall publish the dates and times of such physical examination or medical test in a publication of general circulation in the District and on its publicly accessible Internet website.

In the case of a child enrolled in a charter school or cyber charter school who participates in a District athletic activity, the District may charge the charter school or cyber charter school for the child’s participation, since these costs are part of the per-pupil payment that is paid by the District to charter schools and cyber charter schools. The fee shall be determined by the District on a cost basis using the expenses of the activity (including coaches, uniforms, transportation and miscellaneous costs), such that the District neither makes nor loses money.

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Delegation of Responsibility	<p>#123 – Athletics – Page 3</p> <p>The Superintendent, in conjunction with the Director of Student Activities and Athletic Council, shall develop guidelines for the establishment, implementation, or elimination of an interscholastic athletic program. The Superintendent, in conjunction with the Director of Student Activities, shall prepare procedures to implement an intramural athletic program.</p>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 41 43 44 45 46 47 48
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