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2430.02 - **PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY/STEM SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A student enrolled in a community school established under R.C. Chapter 3314 or in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics ("STEM") school established under Chapter 3326 and entitled to attend school in the District under R.C. 3313.64 or R.C. 3313.65, shall be provided with the opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activities offered by the District.

The eligible community or STEM school student may participate in any extra-curricular activities offered by the school building to which the student would otherwise be assigned. In the event the District operates more than one (1) school building at the student's grade level, the student may participate in those extra-curricular activities offered by the school building to which the student would otherwise be assigned by the Superintendent in accordance with R.C. 3319.01.

The Superintendent may grant any home-educated student or any student enrolled in a qualifying school or a different school district, regardless of whether the Superintendent's district is the student's resident district, the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school in the District, if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer, or another student, from the district or school in which the student is enrolled or the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under R.C. 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312: harassment, intimidation, or bullying; a qualifying offense for which the school official, employee, or volunteer, or another student, has been either of the following: charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing; alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing; conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the State Board of Education. The Superintendent will document the reason(s) for granting participation under this policy. To be eligible, a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic, community, or other public school must be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the Superintendent, and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant. Home-educated students will be subject to the same rules of participation and the same fees that are applied to any other participant. The District will not penalize or restrict eligibility to participate in District interscholastic athletics for students who cease to participate in interscholastic athletics elsewhere during the school year and begin to participate in District programs after being subject to bullying or any other types of offenses listed in this Policy.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to participate in any extra-curricular activity, an eligible community or STEM school student must be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the Superintendent. The student will also be subject to the same eligibility requirements (i.e., academic and nonacademic eligibility standards and financial requirements) applied to all other participants. No eligible community or STEM school student will be charged any fees in excess of those fees charged to other students for participation in the same extra-curricular activity. Further, the District will not impose any additional rules upon a student participating under this policy, if those rules do not apply to other students participating in the same extra-curricular activity. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by a school in the District because the student has or is participating in a College Credit Plus Program college credit plus program as long as the student fulfills all academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements.

