6.07A EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT

To participate in an extracurricular activity, all students enrolled in the District must be of the appropriate age and grade level and meet the following academic eligibility requirements. At the end of each grading period, student eligibility will be determined by the following guidelines:

1. OHSAA requirements for passing classes leading to five, one credit courses or the equivalent, which could lead to graduation for the grading period, and must maintain a 1.3 G.P.A. (Block scheduling students must pass 2 1/2 credits each grading period.)
2. Students receiving a letter grade of F, even though they have a G.P.A. of 1.3 or higher, will be placed on probation until the Interim date. At the end of the probationary period the student must be passing all classes at the Interim date. If not, the student will be declared ineligible and removed from competition for the remainder of the grading period.
3. Students in junior high will become ineligible with two failing grades of F in all subjects taken during the grading period.
4. Eligibility will be established as follows:

   1st nine weeks, based on previous year's last nine weeks grades

   (Freshmen will be based on junior high requirements.)

   2nd nine weeks will be based on the 1st grading period

   3rd nine weeks will be based on 2nd six weeks, and so on.

It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain appropriate documentation for the Superintendent, or designee, to verify the student's eligibility prior to the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate. Thereafter, the parent/guardian of a student participating in an extracurricular activity under this policy shall obtain additional verification of eligibility every nine (9) weeks on or before 12:00 p.m. (noon) of the fifth school day of the beginning of the nine (9) week period until the conclusion of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all eligibility requirements are met and verified. The Superintendent shall create an administrative guideline to require and ensure that the Superintendent has sufficient documentation from a parent/guardian to verify that a student has met the grading period requirements for eligibility. For purposes of this policy, "parent/guardian" also means a student that is eighteen years of age.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CHARTERED OR NONCHARTERED NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

All students enrolled in chartered or non-chartered nonpublic schools are permitted to participate in a particular extracurricular activity at this District if the student is of appropriate age and grade level and: (1) the student is entitled by law to attend the schools of this District; and (2) the chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the particular extracurricular activity.

Students who meet these criteria are permitted to participate in the particular extracurricular activity at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year provided that the student meets the eligibility requirements set forth above.

It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain appropriate documentation for the Superintendent, or designee, to verify the student's eligibility prior to the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate. Thereafter, the parent/guardian of a student participating in an extracurricular activity under this policy shall obtain additional verification of eligibility every nine (9) weeks on or before 12:00 p.m. (noon) of the fifth school day of the beginning of the nine (9) week period until the conclusion of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all eligibility requirements are met and verified. The Superintendent shall create an administrative guideline to require and ensure that the Superintendent has sufficient documentation from a parent/guardian to verify that a student has met the grading period requirements for eligibility. For purposes of this policy, "parent/guardian" also means a student that is eighteen years of age.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COMMUNITY OR STEM SCHOOLS

All students enrolled in a community school or in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school are permitted to participate in a particular extracurricular activity at this District if the student is of appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the Superintendent of the District, and the student is entitled by law to attend the schools of this District. If more than one school serves the student's grade level, as determined by the Superintendent of the District based on the student's age and academic performance, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the Superintendent of the District. All students enrolled in a community school shall fulfill the requirements set forth above for District students.

It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain appropriate documentation for the Superintendent, or designee, to verify the student's eligibility prior to the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate. Thereafter, the parent/guardian of a student participating in an extracurricular activity under this policy shall obtain additional verification of eligibility every nine (9) weeks on or before 5:00 p.m. of the fifth school day of the beginning of the nine (9) week period until the conclusion of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all eligibility requirements are met and verified. The Superintendent shall create an administrative guideline to require and ensure that the Superintendent has sufficient documentation from a parent/guardian to verify that a student has met the grading period requirements for eligibility. For purposes of this policy, "parent/guardian" also means a student that is eighteen years of age.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING HOME INSTRUCTION

All students receiving home instruction (students not enrolled in the District and being instructed at home) are permitted to participate in extracurricular activities at this District if the student is entitled by law to attend the schools of this District. Students who meet this criterion are permitted to participate in extracurricular activities at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year provided that the student is of appropriate age and grade level and meets the eligibility requirements set forth above. A student receiving home instruction must fulfill one of the following academic requirements, as applicable:

- If the student received home instruction in the grading period immediately preceding the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student

chooses to participate, the student must meet any academic requirements established by the state board of education for the continuation of home instruction. Proof that a student has met the academic requirements established by the state board of education shall be demonstrated by:

1. An academic assessment report that includes the results of a nationally normed standardized achievement test that demonstrate reasonable proficiency as compared to other children in the district at the same grade level. Any child that has a composite score at or above the twenty-fifth percentile shall be deemed to be performing at level of reasonable proficiency; or
2. An academic assessment report that includes a written narrative indicating that a portfolio of samples of the child's work have been reviewed and that the child's academic progress for the year is in accordance with the child's abilities; or
3. An alternative academic assessment of the child's proficiency mutually agreed upon by the parent and the superintendent.
4. The District has four (4) nine (9) week grading periods during a school year. OHSAA rules and District policy require that a student must receive passing grades in at least five (5) one credit classes or the equivalent required for graduation in the previous grading period in order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities. The parent of a student receiving home instruction, through one of the three (3) above methods, must provide evidence satisfactory to the Superintendent/designee that the student has satisfied these requirements. The Superintendent shall develop a standard form for verification.

- If the student did not receive home instruction in the grading period immediately preceding the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate, the student's academic performance during the preceding grading period must have met any academic standards for eligibility to participate in the extracurricular activity as set forth above in Section B;
- If the student leaves a school district mid-year for home instruction, the student's academic eligibility will be determined based on an interim academic assessment issued by the district in which the student was enrolled based on the student's work while enrolled in that district.

Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of the school year, and who is ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity at the time home instruction commences, will be ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards, or other requirements, until the student meets the academic requirements established by the state board of education for continuation of home instruction. The student's compliance with the academic requirements established by the state board of education will be verified by the superintendent of this District/designee. No student will be eligible to participate in the same semester in which the student was determined ineligible.

It shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student to submit appropriate documentation to the Superintendent, or designee, verifying his or her eligibility prior to the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate. Thereafter, the parent/guardian of each student participating in an extracurricular activity under this policy shall submit additional verification of eligibility every nine (9) weeks on or before 12:00 p.m. (noon) of the fifth school day of the beginning of the nine (9) week period until the conclusion of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all eligibility requirements

are met and verified. The Superintendent shall create an administrative guideline to require and ensure that he has sufficient documentation from a parent/guardian to verify that a student has met the grading period requirements for eligibility. For purposes of this policy, “parent/guardian” also means a student that is eighteen years of age.

NEIGHBORING SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

A student enrolled in a neighboring school that does not offer a particular extracurricular activity may petition to participate in that activity at a District high school that does offer it and that is a member school of an organization regulating interscholastic athletics. A student is not eligible to petition under this policy solely because the student's own school does not offer the competition level, such as varsity, junior varsity, or freshman, at which the student wishes to participate. If a high school participates in a regular season contest for an activity and subsequently ceases offering that activity before the season concludes, a student enrolled in that school is not eligible to petition to participate in that activity under this policy until the following school year.

A student enrolled in a district that operates more than one high school must first petition to participate in the activity at another high school within that student's own district, if one offers it. Only if the student is not approved to participate at another school within the student's own district may the student petition to participate at a high school outside the district under this policy.

A student may petition to participate in an extracurricular activity at a District high school. A student's participation requires the approval of both:

1. The superintendent of the school district in which the student is enrolled, who must also certify that the student has not already participated in that extracurricular activity within that student's home district during that school year; and
2. The Superintendent of this District, or designee, for petitions to participate in a District-offered activity.

A student shall not participate in the same extracurricular activity under this policy at more than one high school in any one school year.

A student approved to participate under this policy shall be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the superintendent of the school offering the activity, and shall meet the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant, including trying out for a position on the activity.

A neighboring school is any of the following:

1. A high school operated by the board of education other than the high school in which the student is enrolled;
2. A high school operated by a school district that directly borders the board of education’s school district; or
3. Any other public high school that is located within the territory of either the board of education’s school district or a school district that directly borders the board of education’s school district.