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UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

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122-AR UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS
ATTENDING A CHARTER OR CYBER CHARTERSCHOOL AND
PARTICIPATING IN UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

According to Public School Code sections 24 P.S. §17-1741-A and 24 P.S. §17-1701-A, students who are enrolled in a charter/cyber charter school are eligible to participate in their school district of residence, United School District, sponsored extracurricular activity if the student is able to fulfill the requirements of participation and the charter/cyber charter school does not provide the same extracurricular activity.

The requirements of participation shall apply equally to charter/cyber charter school students and students attending United School District. The student's school district of residence, United School District, must accept the charter school's written confirmation, which includes copies of the student's attendance record and grades, that the student has met the established standards for the extracurricular activity. Charter/Cyber school students must be given an equal opportunity to compete for "spaces" in extracurricular activities. These activities are those that the United School District sanctions and offers to its students in Grades 7 through 12.

Charter/cyber charter schools must inform parents that they must authorize release of such information, which may constitute the student's education record, in order for United School District to verify that their children are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The student is eligible only if there is, on file with the United Junior/Senior High School Principal, a certificate signed by the student's parent or guardian consenting to participation in the extracurricular activity involved.

Students participating in activities shall abide by all expectations as set forth in the United School District's Extra-Curricular Activity Handbook which may be obtained from the United Junior/Senior High School Principal. Student participating in athletic activities shall abide by all expectations in both the Extra-Curricular Activity Handbook and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletics Association (PIAA) rules and guidelines. A complete copy of the PIAA eligibility rules may be viewed on the PIAA Website at www.piaa.org/resources/handbook. Please note that United has a more stringent eligibility guideline for athletic competition than does PIAA. If a student in Grades 7 through 12 is failing 2 subjects, that student is ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition.

The Principal of United Junior/Senior High School is responsible for certifying student eligibility. If a student has any questions concerning his/her athletic eligibility, that student should discuss the matter with United's Junior/Senior High School Principal.

United School District is not required to provide transportation for a charter/cyber charter school student to or from the extracurricular activity.

United School District will work with the charter/cyber school in order to provide reasonable accommodations to include students with various disabilities.

United School District shall charge the charter/cyber school for student participation in extracurricular activities, since these costs are part of the per-pupil payment that is paid to charter/cyber charter schools. This fee is on a "cost basis," with United School District neither losing nor making money, as determined by United School District using the expenses of each participant and the activity, including coach or director, uniforms, transportation, and miscellaneous costs.

Disputes regarding a charter/cyber charter school student's participation in United School District extracurricular activities should be resolved between the United School District and the charter/cyber charter school. The Department of Education, Bureau of Community and Student Services, and Charter Schools team will assist in the process, if necessary.