

1 The Transylvania County Board of Education (the “board”) recognizes the value of
2 interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities in promoting leadership and team skills,
3 practicing democratic principles, and encouraging the lifelong learning process. Students are
4 encouraged to participate in opportunities available at the school, including interscholastic
5 athletics and student organizations. All activities are open to all students attending that school
6 unless a restriction is justified and has been approved by the principal. The principal shall ensure
7 that students and parents are notified of the various opportunities for participation in
8 extracurricular activities. The principal shall establish any rules necessary for school- and
9 student-initiated extracurricular activities.

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11 **A. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS**

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13 **1. General Requirements**

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15 Participation in extracurricular activities, including student organizations and
16 interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right, and may be reserved for
17 students in good academic standing who meet behavior standards established by
18 the board and the school.

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20 Participation in extracurricular activities may be restricted if a student (1) is not
21 performing at grade level as provided in policy 3400, Evaluation of Student
22 Progress; (2) has exceeded the number of absences allowed by policy 4400,
23 Attendance; (3) has violated the student conduct standards found in the 4300
24 series of policies; or (4) has violated school rules for conduct. **School**
25 **administrators choosing to exercise this authority to restrict participation shall**
26 **provide this policy and any additional rules developed by the superintendent or**
27 **the principal to all parents, guardians, and students.**

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29 **The grievance procedure provided in policy 1740/4010, Student and Parent**
30 **Grievance Procedure, may be utilized by parents or students who believe that a**
31 **student has been aggrieved by a decision made pursuant to this policy.**

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33 **2. Additional Requirements for Interscholastic Athletics Participation**

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35 In addition to meeting the general requirements listed above, ~~in order~~ to be
36 eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in daily
37 attendance eighty-five percent (85%) of the previous semester and must meet all
38 applicable eligibility standards of the North Carolina High School Athletic
39 Association, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and any locally
40 established requirements for interscholastic athletics participation.

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42 Students in the sixth grade are eligible to participate in all interscholastic athletics
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A student participating in high school interscholastic athletics may participate only on the team consistent with the gender on the student’s birth certificate unless otherwise permitted under North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules and regulations.

~~School administrators choosing to exercise the authority to restrict participation based upon any of the reasons provided in the previous paragraph shall provide this policy and any additional rules developed by the superintendent or the principal to all parents or guardians and students. The grievance procedure provided in policy 1740/4010, Student and Parent Grievance Procedure, may be utilized by parents or students who believe that a student has been aggrieved by a decision made pursuant to this policy.~~

B. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities must be accorded the legal rights required by federal and state law.

2. Transitioning Military Students

School administrators shall facilitate the inclusion and participation of transitioning military children in extracurricular activities, to the extent they are otherwise qualified, by:

- a. providing information about extracurricular activities to transitioning military children; and
- b. waiving application deadlines.

3. Athletic Participation by Home School Students

Home school students who are dually enrolled in accordance with the school system’s enrollment and assignment policies and procedures are eligible to participate in high school interscholastic athletics if they comply with all of the following.

- a. The student must present a home school card from the Division of Non-Public Education for the previous and current years, as well as a transcript, attendance record, and record immunizations.

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- 87 b. The student must submit proof that the student has been enrolled in a
88 registered home school for 365 days prior to participation in athletics.
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90 c. Prior to the first date of practice, the student must provide the results of a
91 nationally standardized achievement test, taken within the last year, that
92 indicates the student was on grade level at the time the test was taken.
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94 d. The student must participate in a class schedule that is at least one half of
95 the assigned school’s instructional day. At least one class must be taken
96 on campus each semester. Class(es) taken at Brevard College and/or Blue
97 Ridge Community College are considered as “on campus” class(es).
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99 e. The student must pass all classes in which the student is enrolled at the
100 assigned school in order to maintain athletic eligibility.
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102 f. Once dually enrolled and deemed eligible to participate in athletics, the
103 student must maintain continuous dual enrollment. Failure to maintain
104 continuous dual enrollment would render the student ineligible for athletic
105 participation for 365 days.
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107 g. The student must notify the principal of the assigned school in writing of
108 the student’s intent to try out for an athletic team at least 10 days prior to
109 the first practice date of each sport season in which the student wishes to
110 participate. Failure to comply with this requirement renders the student
111 ineligible for that sport season.
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113 h. The student must comply with all other applicable North Carolina High
114 School Athletic Association rules and regulations regarding eligibility for
115 athletic participation.

A dually enrolled student who transitions to full enrollment within the school system will then be governed by North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules and regulations regarding fully enrolled students.

121 Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12132, 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; Equal
122 Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 4071-4074; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400
123 *et seq.*, 34 C.F.R. pt. 300; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 705(20), 794, 34 C.F.R. pt. 104;
124 G.S. 115C art. 9, 115C-47(4), -390.2, -407.5; State Board of Education Policy ATHL-001;
125 *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy
126 EXCP-000; N.C. High School Athletic Association Handbook; Middle/Junior High School
127 Athletic Manual (NCDPI), available at
128 <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/healthfulliving/athletics/>
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130 Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Student and Parent Grievance
131 Procedure (policy 1740/4010), Evaluation of Student Progress (policy 3400), Student Promotion
132 and Accountability (policy 3420), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430), Children of Military
133 Families (policy 4050), **Domicile or Residence Requirements (policy 4120), Homeless Students**
134 **(policy 4125), School Assignment (policy 4150), North Carolina Address Confidentiality**
135 **Program (policy 4250/5075/7316), Student Behavior Policies (4300 series), Attendance (policy**
136 **4400), Community Use of Facilities (policy 5030)**

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141 **[DATE]**

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