

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: PARTICIPATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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# SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>SC 1701-A et seq</p> <p>3. Authority SC 511, 1719-A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">123.1 PARTICIPATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to provide to charter school students who are residents of the Seneca Valley School District an equal opportunity to participate in extra-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities when their charter schools do not provide those activities as required by the Charter School Law.</p> <p><b>"Extra-curricular activities"</b> are programs which go beyond the scope of the instructional program and require voluntary participation on the part of the student. It may further require the exhibition of advanced levels of ability or talent in order to be selected. These activities would not be used to evaluate students for grades in curricular areas.</p> <p><b>"Interscholastic athletics"</b> includes all Board approved activities relating to competitive sport contests, games, events or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of the Seneca Valley School District whenever such events occur between schools within the school district with any schools outside this school district.</p> <p><b>"Charter school students"</b> are those school-aged children who are residents of the Seneca Valley School District and who are enrolled in an approved charter school or cyber charter school established pursuant to the Pennsylvania Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §§17-1701-A, et seq.</p> <p>Charter school students shall be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and to participate in the Seneca Valley School District's extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics provided that all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The charter school in which the charter school student is enrolled does not provide the same extra-curricular activity or interscholastic athletics.</li> </ol>
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2. The charter school student meets all of the eligibility criteria or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District, including, without limitation, those set forth in or promulgated pursuant to District Policy No. 122 (Extra-Curricular Activities), District Policy No. 123 (Interscholastic Athletics) and District Policy No. 227.1 (Drug and Alcohol Awareness For Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities and Student Drivers). These criteria include, without limitation, verification of requisite academic achievement, fulfillment of attendance requirements, and any applicable physical fitness, height or weight restrictions.
3. The charter school student meets the tryout criteria, if any, or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District.
4. The charter school student meets all policies, rules and regulations, or their equivalent, of any governing organization of the activity (e.g., Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletics League, etc.).
5. The charter school student complies with all school district policies and any team rules or regulations required by the activity sponsor, or their equivalent, that apply to students enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District while participating in that activity (e.g., attendance at practices, prohibition of possession or use of tobacco or alcohol, etc.).
6. The completion of any medical examination or medical test required of students enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District as a condition of participation in the activity.

An eligible charter school student will be given the opportunity to participate only in the extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics at the school building to which the student would be assigned if he/she were enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District.

The school district shall not be responsible for providing transportation for charter school students to or from the Seneca Valley School District's schools. Such transportation shall be the responsibility of the charter school student and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). When the Seneca Valley School District provides transportation to and from a contest, game, exhibition or event at another school and requires students to use the transportation provided by the school district, charter school students likewise shall be required to use such transportation.

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<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Whenever Seneca Valley School District students that participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic athletics are required to assume all or part of the costs of such participation or to furnish equipment, musical instruments or supplies used in that activity, charter school students shall be subject to the same requirements.</p> <p>Whenever the Seneca Valley School District requires students that participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic athletics to furnish evidence of accident or health insurance, charter school students shall be subject to the same requirements.</p> <p>Prior to attending a try-out or an activity, a charter school student shall submit required documents and written verification of eligibility to the building principal or designee, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The charter school must provide written verification that it does not provide the same extra-curricular activity or interscholastic athletics in which the charter school student seeks to participate.</li><li>2. The charter school must submit weekly reports of adequate academic progress. The building principal will provide the specifications for the weekly report to be furnished.</li><li>3. The charter school must submit weekly reports of attendance.</li><li>4. The charter school student must submit evidence of completion of any required medical examination or medical test.</li><li>5. The charter school student must submit evidence of any required accident or health insurance.</li><li>6. The charter school student must submit any other documentation, fees or other information required of participating students enrolled in the Seneca Valley School District.</li></ol>
<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall receive and review verification from the parent/guardian of a charter school student and/or the charter school in which he/she is enrolled that such student has met and continues to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of participation set forth above.</p>

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	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1701-A et seq., 1719-A</p> <p>Sunshine Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.12, 4.13</p> <p>Board Policy – 122, 123, 227.1</p>
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