

CCSD Administrative Guidelines Regarding Home Study Participation in Activities

Pursuant to the School Board's Home Study Policy JBC(2), these administrative guidelines are to be utilized by CCSD staff in policy application:

The Cherokee County School District recognizes the need for home study students to be offered support services and afforded the opportunity to participate in designated school activities as a vehicle to develop and enhance their educational experience, as well as for social and community relations. In accordance with Senate Bill 42: "The Dexter Mosley" Act, a home school student may enroll in a qualifying course at his/her designated school within the attendance area of the student's custodial parent's primary residence and participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activities.

ENROLLMENT/ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment

- Verification of valid home study status must be provided by the parent to the principal/designee.
- Home study students/parents/guardians may be required by the principal/designee to furnish certain necessary data/enrollment information (e.g., proof of immunizations, emergency contact information, etc.).
- Written notice of the intent to "try out" for one of more specified extracurricular or interscholastic activities via submission of the CCSD Participation of Home-School Students Declaration Form (MS/HS).
- Intention of the home school student to enroll in a qualifying course must be made at least 30 days prior to participation.
- Home school students may enroll in an in-person, digital or dual enrollment qualifying course at the designated school.
- Home study students will not displace any enrolled full-time students in selected/requested coursework.

Eligibility

- Home school students must meet eligibility requirements regarding accumulated units and passed courses.
- Home school students must provide a transcript to the designated school in order to establish eligibility. The transcript will not be used to establish full-time enrollment or any other purposes other than eligibility.
- Home school students and the designated school must complete GHSA eligibility paperwork in order to compete in sanctioned activities.
- Students who withdraw from the designated public school to participate in a home study program will be ineligible for participation in GHSA sanctioned athletics and activities for 12 months from the date of the declaration of intent to utilize a home study program.
- Home study students must observe all rules, regulations and guidelines of CCSD including the Code of Conduct and Parent/Student Handbook.

SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HOME STUDY STUDENTS

School Club Participation

- Participation in school-based clubs will be limited to middle and high school students. Each school will determine the availability of club offerings and publish participation requirements via the school website prior to the first day of school.
- When there is limited capacity in course in club offerings, full-time enrolled students will have priority.
- Participation in community-based clubs and organizations such as 4-H, Scouts, etc. is not restricted by these guidelines.

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Counseling and Guidance Offerings

- o Counseling and guidance offerings available to home study students and their parents/guardians include:
 - Financial aid conferences
 - Career Probe
 - College or technical school information services
 - Guidance information provided via school websites which includes links to additional sites
 - Access to career center information
 - ACT/SAT testing
 - SAT prep courses sponsored by PTSA

School Media Centers

- o School media centers are available to home study students during normal operational hours.
- o All home study students/parents/guardians must check in at the school's administrative office and subsequently with the media specialist/designee upon arrival at the school.
- o Elementary and middle school age students require parent supervision.
- o Home study students wishing to utilize the media center must contact the media specialist at their resident school to schedule a time.
- o Home study students do not have book or material check-out privileges.

Summer School

- o Elementary and middle summer school are not open to home study students.
- o High school summer school is open to home study students who meet course requirements and prerequisites.

Special Education Needs

- o A review, screening and possible assessment for special education needs are available to home study students through the resident school and CCSD's Office of Student Assessment.

Additional Resources Available to Home Study Students/Parents/Guardians

- o CCSD website
- o List of tutors
- o Technology training for home study parents/guardians
- o Professional development training for home study parents/guardians
- o Teacher resource center for parents/guardians
- o PTA Parent Resource Center for parents/guardians

*Note: Principals and school personnel have the authority to remove these privileges at any time for discipline, safety and/or security reasons. Decisions in this regard may be appealed to the Chief Operations Officer who will make a recommendation to the Superintendent who will have the authority to make the final decision.

SUPPORT SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE TO HOME STUDY STUDENTS

- After School Programs (ASP), including vendor sponsored After School Programs
- Textbooks, supplemental materials/equipment and on-line resources are not provided to home study students by the school/school district for non-CCSD courses.