# HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: NONENROLLED STUDENTS

**COMPETING IN ATHLETIC** 

**EVENTS** 

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#### 123.1. NONENROLLED STUDENTS COMPETING IN ATHLETIC EVENTS

1. Purpose Pol. 123

Hazleton Area School District provides a wide variety of athletic opportunities for its students. The Board adopts this policy to govern student athletes who reside within the Hazleton Area School District but do not attend the Hazleton Area High School and do not have a school-sponsored team of their own, and who desire to compete in various athletic meets with the Hazleton Area High School teams to obtain qualifying times for district competitions. This practice is acknowledged by the P.I.A.A. as well as the Wyoming Valley Conference, the league of which the Hazleton Area School District is a member.

2. Authority

This policy shall apply only to student residents of the Hazleton Area School District who attend a high school other than the Hazleton Area High School.

Pol. 137.1, 140.1

District residents enrolled in home education programs or charter/cyber charter schools may participate in extracurricular activities in accordance with applicable Board policies.

A qualified student applying to participate in an athletic event under this policy may be denied that opportunity if the rules of the P.I.A.A. and/or the Wyoming Valley Conference, or any other conference in which the Hazleton Area School District teams compete, do not allow such participation.

3. Guidelines

## Requirements For Participation

Before such participation may be allowed, the school that the student attends must request participation in writing directed to the Athletic Director of the Hazleton Area High School with a copy to the Superintendent. The written request must certify and agree to all of the following:

- 1. The school and student(s) are qualified under P.I.A.A. Rules and Regulations to participate in the interscholastic sport.
- 2. The school is assuming all liability and responsibility for its student(s) and shall provide proof of insurance as required.

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# SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq

- 3. The school shall provide a coach to accompany the student(s) at all events and practices. S/He shall be responsible for the students. S/He must have required clearances for criminal history and child abuse and be CPR certified, as well as lifeguard certified if applicable for the sport of swimming.
- 4. The applying school, its student(s), the accompanying coach, and the parent/guardian of the student agree to indemnify and hold the Hazleton Area School District harmless and sign applicable liability waivers.
- 5. The school shall be responsible to reimburse the Hazleton Area School District for any extra or additional fees or costs it incurs due solely to the student's participation, such as additional officials' or workers' fees.
- 6. The school administrator signing the letter has the authority to obligate the school.

The student(s), parent/guardian, and accompanying coach must also sign the letter of request.

The letter of request shall certify that all who sign are aware of the requirements and conditions of participation under School Board policy and will abide by the same.

## **Conditions For Participation**

The Board may grant permission for nonenrolled students to participate in athletic events in accordance with this policy when students comply with the following conditions:

- 1. Students shall be required to provide their own transportation.
- 2. Students shall be allowed to participate only if such participation does not result in exclusion from participation by any Hazleton Area School District athlete(s). The number of nonenrolled students allowed to participate may be limited in the sole discretion of the Athletic Director and coach for the sport involved.
- 3. Students shall be allowed to participate in athletic meets and practice with district teams only as authorized and allowed by the coach of the district team under this policy. Participants must adhere to the attendance policy for that sport.

Before participation is allowed, the applying school shall supply a certificate of insurance, or similar evidence of a paid policy of insurance, with the coverage naming the Hazleton Area School District as an additional insured with respect to

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the athletic activities of their student(s) and/or coach. The minimum liability limit required is \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit of liability (Bodily Injury and Property Damage).

Permission to participate may be revoked at any time that such participation may result in a violation of any rule or regulation of the P.I.A.A. or the conference in which the Hazleton Area School District is a member or if, for any other reason, the Hazleton Area School District coach and Athletic Director for the sport involved determine that such participation will not be in the best interest of the members of the Hazleton Area School District teams.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 510

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.

Board Policy – 123, 137.1, 140.1