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72-7121. Participation in public school activities by student attending nonpublic schools; eligibility; participation requirements. (a) Any student who meets the requirements of this section shall be permitted to participate in any activities offered by a school district that are regulated, supervised, promoted and developed by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto. A student shall be permitted to participate in any such activities if such student:

(1) Is a resident of the school district;

(2) is enrolled and attending a nonpublic elementary or secondary school;

(3) complies with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262, and amendments thereto, prior to participation in any such activity;

(4) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;

(5) pays any fees required by the school district for participation in such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity; and

(6) seeks participation at the appropriate school of the school district that corresponds to where such student resides within the school district's respective school attendance boundaries established by the board of education of the school district.

(b) (1) Any student attending a home school who seeks to participate in an activity in the student's resident school district shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities association for participation in an activity if:

(A) The student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards achievement or promotion to the next grade level; and

(B) the parent, teacher or organization that provides instruction to the student submits an affidavit or transcript to the activities association indicating the student meets the academic eligibility requirements of subparagraph (A).

(2) Upon submission of an affidavit, the student attending a home school shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities association and shall retain such academic eligibility during the activity season for which such affidavit is submitted.

(c) The board of education of a school district may require a student who participates in an activity pursuant to this section to enroll in a particular course or complete a particular course as a condition of participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (b), any student who seeks to participate in an activity pursuant to this section shall be subject to any tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to all other students for participation in the activity.

(e) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2023. **History:** L. 2023, ch. 98, § 5; June 8.