

## **Resident Student Eligibility to Participate in Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics**

The opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports and/or other extracurricular activities should be considered a privilege rather than a right. The following policy governs participation by students who are residents of Weymouth, but are not enrolled in the Weymouth Public Schools.

### **1. *Extracurricular (non-athletic activities)***

A student who resides in Weymouth and is being educated at home, in a private school, or charter school may have access to Weymouth Public Schools' extracurricular activities upon the approval of the Superintendent. Students who are granted access to participate in any extracurricular activities must pay any fees associated with participation and Parents/Guardian agree to provide all necessary transportation.

### **2. *Participation in Interscholastic Athletics***

- a. Students who are in Alternative, Collaborative, Detached or other Non-Traditional Educational Programs may be eligible to participate in Weymouth Public Schools Interscholastic athletic activities in accordance with the requirements set forth in Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Rule 52.
- b. Students who are Weymouth residents and are on an approved home education plan may participate in athletics at the middle school and high school levels if they meet the following criteria:
  - must have a home education plan that has been approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee prior to the beginning of the school year;
  - must reside in Weymouth and must be living with his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the family residence;
  - must meet all eligibility requirements of MIAA including, but not limited to, rules governing transfers and academic eligibility beyond grade eight and rules governing eligibility of home educated students;
  - must meet all eligibility requirements of the Weymouth Public Schools, including attendance and academic requirements;
  - must pay required fees for participation in athletics; and
  - must pass the district's physical examination annually, or have a family doctor perform such an examination, and must secure and present evidence of their own insurance coverage for participation in athletics; and

**Attendance.** During the weeks when there are games or practices scheduled, the student must present that week's Home Education form to the head coach of an athletic team. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian, thereby certifying the student's completion of the week's academic work. Participants in other extracurricular activities must present their signed Home Education form or updated information from the private or charter school for the week to the club's advisor.

**Academic Performance:** Students on home school plans must complete their normal academic work on the day of a scheduled practice or game and must be doing satisfactory work in all subject areas in order to participate in athletic activities. Parents/guardians of home education students are

expected to monitor these requirements. Additionally, the parent or guardian responsible for the home education program must submit to the Superintendent or his/her designee a progress report with three school days of the end of Weymouth MS/HS marking period outlining the work completed that term. The Superintendent or his/her designee, with consultation from department heads, will determine whether or not the work completed that term satisfies the school's grade level standards.

Participants in other extracurricular activities must present updated academic performance information from the parent/guardian, private or charter school to the club's advisor upon request.

***Revocation of Right to Participate.*** Failure of students to adhere to requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic events, or failure of a parent/guardian who has assumed responsibility for a home education program to properly monitor their son or daughter's adherence to eligibility requirements, shall lead to the loss of the privilege to participate. The determination by the Superintendent on the revocation of the right to participate shall be final.