# POLICY 5224

# Non-enrolled District Student's Participation in ~~Extracurricular~~ Activities

A. The following definitions apply for purposes of this policy:

1. "Academic Eligibility Panel" means a three-person panel selected by the Superintendent from nominees submitted by national, state, or regional organizations whose members are home school students and parents. The three panel members will include:

   a. one member with experience teaching in a public school as a licensed teacher and in home-schooling high school-age students;

   b. one member with experience teaching in a higher education institution and in-home schooling; and

   c. one member with experience in home schooling high school-age students.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(10) (2023)*

2. "Activity fee" means a fee approved by the District or a District school that is charged to all students to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity sponsored by or through a District school and entitles the student to try out for, participate in, receive transportation to, or attend the activity.

   *Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-2(1) (December 8, 2025)*

3. "Association" means an organization that governs or regulates a student's participation in an athletic interscholastic activity.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(1)(b) (2023)*
   *Utah Code § 53G-7-1101(3) (2025)*

4. "Co-curricular activity" means a District or school activity, course, or experience, outside of school hours, that also includes a required school day component.

   *Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-2(3) (December 8, 2025)*

5. "Extracurricular activity" has the same meaning as set out in Policy 5230 Student Fees.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(1)(c) (2023)*
   *Utah Code § 53G-7-501 (2025)*

6. "Initial establishment of eligibility requirements" means meeting an association's eligibility requirements, policies, procedures, and transfer rules to participate on a high school sports team as required in grade 9 or 10 when the student is selected for membership on a high school sports team.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(1)(d) (2023)*

7. "Online education" means the use of information and communication technologies to deliver educational opportunities to a student in a location other than a school.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-705(1)(d) (2026)*

8. "Online student" means a student who participates in an online education program sponsored or supported by the State Board of Education, a school district, or a charter school and who generates funding for the school district or school under Utah Code § 53F-2-102(5) and State Board of Education Rules.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-705(1)(e) (2026)*

9. "Qualifying online student" means an online student seeking to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity at a district school:

   a. within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent resides (and, for interscholastic competition of athletic teams, the student did not have a prior initial establishment of eligibility requirements); or

   b. from which the on-line student withdrew for the purpose of participating in an on-line education program.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-705(2) (2026)*

10. "Qualifying charter school student" means a charter school student seeking to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity which is not offered at the student's charter school, at a district school:

a. within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent resides (and, for interscholastic competition of athletic teams, the student did not have a prior initial establishment of eligibility requirements); or

b. from which the charter school student withdrew to attend charter school; or

c. if the student's charter school is located on or has Board approval to locate on the campus of that district school; or

d. as may be provided for in rules established by the Utah State Board of Education.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-704(2), (3) (2026)*

11. "Qualifying private school student" means a private school student who did not have a prior initial establishment of eligibility requirements who is seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity at a district school:

a. within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent resides; or

b. from which the private school student withdrew to attend private school.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(2)(c) (2023)*

12. "Qualifying home school student" means a home school student who did not have a prior initial establishment of eligibility requirements who is seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity at a district school:

a. within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent resides; or

b. from which the home school student withdrew to attend home school.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(2)(c) (2023)*

13. "Qualifying scholarship student" means a student who has a scholarship under the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program who did not have a prior initial establishment of eligibility requirements who is seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity at a district school:

a. Within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent resides; or

b. From which the student withdrew to attend school under a Utah Fits All Scholarship Program scholarship.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(2)(c) (2023)*
*Utah Code § 53F-6-406(6) (2026)*

14. "Qualifying student" means a qualifying home school, private school, charter school, ~~or~~ online, or scholarship student as defined above.

15. "Non-qualifying student" is a student who is not enrolled in a District school who is not a qualifying student as defined above.

16. "School participation fee" is the fee paid by a charter or online school to a District school for participation of a student in an activity.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-2(8) (December 8, 2025)*

17. "Student activity specific fee" is the activity fee charged to all participating students by a District school for a designated extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-2(9) (December 8, 2025)*

B. Qualifying Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities

1. A qualifying student who is not enrolled in a District school is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, subject to the student's parent agreeing to provide the student transportation to the District school for the activities.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(2)(a) (2023)*
*Utah Code § 53G-6-704(2) (2023)*
*Utah Code § 53G-6-705(2) (2026)*
*Utah Code § 53F-6-406(6) (2026)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-3 (December 8, 2025)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-5 (December 8, 2025)*

C. Online and Charter Student Participation in Co-curricular Activities

1. A qualifying online or qualifying charter school student who is not enrolled in a District school is eligible to participate in co-curricular activities, subject to the student's parent agreeing to provide the student transportation to the District school for the activities.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-4 (December 8, 2025)*

D. Private, Home School, and Scholarship Student Participation in Co-curricular Activities

1. Private, home school, and scholarship students may participate in co-curricular activities in District schools in accordance with the dual enrollment provisions of Policy 4135 Dual Enrollment.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-6 (December 8, 2025)*
*Utah Code § 53G-6-702 (2020)*
*Utah Code § 53F-6-406(6) (2026)*

E. Non-Qualifying Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities

1. A school may allow a non-qualifying student to participate in an extracurricular activity that the school sponsors and supports if

   a. the student satisfies the general eligibility requirements set forth below and

   b. the student meets the open enrollment requirements of Policy 5010 Admissions Eligibility Requirements, subject to the following additional requirements:

      1) For an interscholastic competition of athletic teams, a private school student, home school student, charter school student, ~~or~~ online student, or scholarship student meets the initial establishment of eligibility requirements.

      2) For an interscholastic contest or competition for music, drama, or forensic groups or teams, the private school student's private school does not offer the activity and the private school meets the entry requirements for participation.

      3) For an interscholastic contest or competition for music, drama, or forensic groups or teams, the home school student, charter school student, or online student meets the entry requirements for participation.

      4) For an interscholastic contest or competition for music, drama, or forensic groups or teams, the scholarship student's school of enrollment does not offer the activity and the school of enrollment meets the entry requirements for participation.

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(2)(d) (2023)*
*Utah Code § 53G-6-704(4) (2023)*
*Utah Code § 53G-6-705(3) (2026)*
*Utah Code § 53F-6-406(6) (2026)*

F. Non-Qualifying Student Participation in Co-curricular Activities

1. A District school may allow a non-qualifying charter student or non-qualifying online student to participate in a co-curricular activity based on a negotiated agreement with the student's school of enrollment. These co-curricular activities may include a debate, drama, or choral program, a specialized course or program offered during the regular school day, or an enrichment program or activity.

   *Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-4(1)(b), (c) (December 8, 2025)*

G. Eligibility Requirements for Non-Enrolled Student Participation in Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

1. Non-enrolled students who are allowed to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity as provided for above shall be subject to all eligibility standards:

   a. applied to a fully enrolled District school student;

   b. of the District school where the student participates in the ~~an~~ extracurricular or co-curricular activity; and

   c. for the extracurricular or co-curricular activity in which the student participates.

2. Apart from the basic eligibility requirements outlined above, District schools may not impose additional requirements on non-enrolled students to participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity that are not imposed on fully enrolled students at the District school.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(3)(a), (b) (2023)*
   *Utah Code § 53G-6-704(5), (6) (2023)*
   *Utah Code § 53G-6-705(4), (5) (2026)*
   *Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-4(1)(a)(iii) (December 8, 2025)*
   *Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-5(1)(c) (December 8, 2025)*

H. Specific Eligibility Requirements for Participation in Extracurricular Activities for Home School Students

1. Eligibility requirements based on school attendance are not applicable to a home school student.

2. A home school student meets academic eligibility requirements to participate in an extracurricular activity if:

a. the student is mastering the material in each course or subject being taught; and

b. the student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards achievement or promotion.

3. To establish a home school student's academic eligibility, a parent, teacher, or organization providing instruction to the student shall submit an academic eligibility affidavit to the principal indicating the student meets academic eligibility requirements. Upon submission of this affidavit, a home school student shall:

   a. be considered to meet academic eligibility requirements; and

   b. retain academic eligibility for all extracurricular activities during the activity season for which the affidavit is submitted, until:

      1) an academic eligibility panel determines the home school student does not meet academic eligibility requirements; or

      2) the person who submitted the academic eligibility affidavit provides written notice to the school principal that the student no longer meets academic eligibility requirements.

4. A home school student who loses academic eligibility pursuant to E.3.b.2) above may not participate in an extracurricular activity until the person who submitted the affidavit under E.3.b.2) provides written notice to the school principal that the home school student has reestablished academic eligibility. If a home school student reestablishes academic eligibility as described above, the home school student may participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the activity season.

5. A person who has probable cause to believe a home school student does not meet academic eligibility requirements may submit an affidavit to the principal:

   a. asserting the home student does not meet academic eligibility requirements; and

   b. providing information indicating that the home school student does not meet the academic eligibility requirements.

6. A principal shall review the affidavit, and if the principal determines it contains information which constitutes probable cause to believe a home school student may not meet academic eligibility requirements, the principal shall request an academic eligibility panel to verify the student's compliance with academic eligibility requirements.

7. The Superintendent shall appoint an academic eligibility panel to verify a home school student's compliance with academic eligibility requirements when requested by a principal. A panel shall:

   a. review the affidavit and may confer with the person who submitted the affidavit;

   b. request the home school student to submit test scores or a portfolio of work documenting the student's academic achievement to the panel;

   c. review the test scores or portfolio of work; and

   d. determine whether the home school student meets academic eligibility requirements.

8. If the panel determines that the home school student meets academic eligibility requirements, the student will retain academic eligibility for all extracurricular activities during the activity season for which an affidavit was submitted. A panel's determination that a home school student does not comply with academic eligibility requirements is effective for an activity season and all extracurricular activities that have academic eligibility requirements.

   *Utah Code § 53G-6-703(4) to (14) (2023)*

I. ~~Extracurricular~~ Activities Fees

1. Non-enrolled students who participate in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity at a District school shall pay the same fees as required of fully enrolled District school students to participate in the ~~an~~ extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

~~2. If the District imposes a mandatory student activity fee for a student enrolled in a District school, the fee may be imposed on a non-enrolled student who participates in an extracurricular activity at a District school if the same benefits of paying the mandatory student activity fee that are available to a fully enrolled District school student are available to a non-enrolled student who participates in an extracurricular activity at the District school.~~

*Utah Code § 53G-6-703(3)(c) (2023)*

3. For charter and online school students, the student's school of enrollment shall pay the District school a school participation fee of $75 for each school year the student participates in a District school activity (a single fee covers both extracurricular and

co-curricular activities for that year). This fee is in addition to a student activity specific fee for the activity.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-3(2), (3) (December 8, 2025)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-4(3) (December 8, 2025)*

4. All fees, including school participation fees~~,~~ and student activity specific ~~participation~~ fees ~~and activity fees~~ shall be paid prior to student participation. ~~School participation fees are paid by the charter school or online school to the District school for a student to be able to participate at the District school as provided by Utah State Board of Education rule. Student participation fees are the specific fees charged to all students who participate in the activity.~~ School fees for non-enrolled students shall be waived by the District if required under Utah law and State Board of Education policy. However, for students qualifying for fee waivers, the student's on-line or charter school shall be responsible to pay both ~~for payment of~~ the school participation fee and ~~for students qualifying for fee waivers and shall also pay~~ the student activity specific ~~participation~~ fee to the District.

*Utah Admin. Rules R277-438-4 (December 8, 2016)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-2(8), (9) (December 8, 2025)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-3(7) (December 8, 2025)*
*Utah Admin. Rules R277-494-4(5) (December 8, 2025)*