

## **Amended Charter School Act Provision**

### **State Laws: Section§ 59-40-50**

(3)(a) A charter school is eligible for federally sponsored, state-sponsored or district-sponsored interscholastic leagues, competitions, awards, scholarships, grants, and recognition programs for students, educators, administrators, staff, and schools to the same extent as all other public schools.

(b) A charter school student is eligible to compete for, and if selected, participate in any extracurricular activities not offered by the student's charter school which are offered at the resident public school he would otherwise attend. A charter school student is eligible to compete for, and if selected, participate in an activity governed by the South Carolina High School League offered at the resident public school he would otherwise attend if the league governed activity is not offered at the student's charter school.

(c) A charter school student is eligible for extracurricular activities at the student's resident public school consistent with eligibility standards as applied to full-time students of the resident public school.

(d) A school district or resident public school may not impose additional requirements on a charter school student to participate in extracurricular activities that are not imposed on full-time students of the resident public school.

(e) Charter school students shall pay the same fees as other students to participate in extracurricular activities.

(f) Charter school students shall be eligible for the same fee waivers for which other students are eligible.

*Section 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.*

*Ratified the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.*

*Approved the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.*

### **South Carolina Code of Regulations R. 43-244.1**

#### **Interscholastic Activities: Academic Requirements for Participation.**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/c043.php#43-244.1>

### **Charter school participation in extracurricular activities**

To be eligible to participate in a school's extracurricular activities, a charter school student must:

1. Be a resident of the district and provide proof of residency to the Superintendent or his/ her designee;
2. Complete an application to participate in Beaufort County School District extracurricular activities prior to the commencement of the activity involved;
3. Meet applicable academic, attendance, and behavioral requirements to participate in district extracurricular and/or student activities, including applicable requirements for interscholastic activity participation set for in S.C. Reg. § 43-244.1;
4. Participate at their residentially assigned school, and be responsible for payment of all fees and expenses associated with participation in the activity charged to student participants enrolled in the district.
5. Not have available a similar activity or program offered by or through the charter school in which he or she is enrolled.

### **Home school participation in interscholastic activities**

*NOTE- Home school students are provided similar options as it relates to the newly revised provisions, but do not include activities that are curricular or non- curricular in nature.*

To be eligible to participate in a school's interscholastic extracurricular activities, a home school student must:

1. Be a resident of the district and provide proof of residency to the Superintendent or his/ her designee;
2. Complete an application to participate in Beaufort County School District extracurricular activities before the beginning date of the season for the activity;
3. Meet applicable academic, attendance, and behavioral requirements to participate in district interscholastic activities, including applicable requirements for interscholastic activity participation set for in S.C. Reg. § 43-244.1;
4. Participate at their residentially assigned school, and be responsible for payment of all fees and expenses associated with participation in the activity charged to student participants enrolled in the district.

## **Academic Eligibility**

BCSD will determine academic eligibility at the beginning of each semester. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities, the student must achieve an overall 2.0 GPA. The district will not allow an ineligible student to participate in any interscholastic activity.

Academic courses are those courses of instruction for which credit toward high school graduation is given.

Students diagnosed as disabled under the criteria established by the state board of education and satisfying the requirements of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as required may participate in interscholastic activities.

Activities covered by this policy are athletics, student government and service clubs.

## **Definitions**

- *Interscholastic activities* include school- sponsored activities for which preparation occurs outside of the regular school day. This also includes a competitive schools component. (e.g. school vs. school)
- *Extracurricular activities* are those activities that are outside of the regular curriculum, but relate to the school's curriculum, and which are funded and sponsored by the district.
- *Curricular activities* are those activities that are integrated into, directly related to, or part of the regular curriculum for students.
- *Non- curricular activities* are those activities that are not part of nor an extension of curricular activities sponsored and funded by the district.

## Matrix of Examples

Does Include	Does Not Include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) regulated sports teams (Interscholastic Sports)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Band as part of course (marching, symphonic, color guard, drum line, ensembles)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clubs (to include 4-H, FBLA, Robotics, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chorus as part of course (including Honor's Chorus)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District run after- school programs <b>(Charter only)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ROTC</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spirit Cheer <b>(Charter only)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field Studies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic quiz teams (e.g. Math Counts)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yearbook</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Band outside of course (marching, symphonic, color guard, drum line, ensembles, pep club)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Career and Technical Associates (HOSA, FFA, etc.)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chorus outside of course (e.g. Gospel Chorus)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student Clubs under the Federal Equal Access Act (Charter/ Home school student participation in clubs is left up to the individual club)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field trips</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prom</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homecoming</li> </ul>