

**Policy IGDA: RESIDENT PARTICIPANT STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

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Definitions

Athletics – Any interscholastic athletic games, contests, programs, activities, exhibitions, or other similar competitions for students.

Event or Activity – For the purposes of this policy, athletics, fine arts activities, integrated cocurricular activities, or other extracurricular occurrences directly related to such athletics or activities, that are sponsored, organized, or provided for students by the district or an attendance center of the district. Other extracurricular gatherings or special occasions sponsored, organized, or provided for students by the district or attendance center are not considered an event or activity under this policy.

Family Paced Education (FPE) School – A home school where students may receive education funds through the state MOScholars Program, the state's voucher program.

Fine Arts Activities – Any student activities that include dance, theater, vocal music, or the performance of music or visual arts.

Full-Time Equivalent Student – A student who is enrolled in the instructional equivalent of six credits per regular term.

Home School – A school that has a primary purpose of providing private or religious-based instruction; does not charge tuition, fees, or other remuneration; and enrolls children who are within the compulsory attendance age for school. No more than four children in the home school can be unrelated, as defined by law. Homeschooled students do not receive education funds through the state MOScholars Program, the state's voucher program.

Integrated Cocurricular Activities – Activities that are outside the regular school curriculum but complement and supplement such curriculum. Examples include FFA, yearbook, and marching band.

Resident Participant (RP) Student – A student who meets the district's residency requirements but receives full-time equivalent instruction at a home school, FPE school, or a virtual school and who seeks to participate in district events or activities as allowed by law.

Virtual School – An educational entity that delivers all or most of the curriculum electronically. Students may be separated from their instructor or teacher of record by time, location, or both.

General

RP students will have the opportunity to try out, when applicable, and participate to the same extent as any student enrolled in the district in events or activities, as defined in this policy, that are offered by the district or a district school if the RP students reside within the district and in the attendance boundaries of the school.

Coursework, Rehearsals, Practice, and Training Requirements

In general, RP students are not required to enroll in the district or attend classes in the district. However, the district may require an RP student to complete coursework and attend rehearsals, practice, and training sessions that are directly related to and required for trying out for or participating in an event or activity. RP students may be required to attend courses if required for participation in:

1. Fine arts activities with integral components of instruction provided during a course held during the school day;
2. Career and technical student organizations where applied learning and engagement are integral components of instruction for an approved career and technical education program in Missouri; or
3. Integrated cocurricular activities that require students to participate during the school day in coursework and preparation related to the activities.

RP students will not earn credit or a transcript for any course unless the student is formally enrolled in the district. RP students who are required to attend a course are expected to attend every day the course meets and meet the same academic and behavioral standards as other students.

RP students may be excluded from any course if the student is not participating or performing at the required level or is disruptive to instruction.

Eligibility

Participation in district activities is a privilege, not a right. RP students must comply with the district's code of conduct and meet the same participation requirements as enrolled students, including trying out. RP students must meet academic, attendance, responsibility, performance, and behavior requirements, which may include mandatory drug testing. If the activity is governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), RP students must comply with MSHSAA rules.

Academic Eligibility

Eligibility for some district events and activities depends on students meeting various academic criteria, including completing required coursework, maintaining passing grades in all classes, achieving minimum performance in each course, sustaining a specified overall GPA, or fulfilling additional academic expectations. If an RP student attends a virtual school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student to have applicable academic information provided to the district from the virtual school in a timely manner and, if necessary, to provide authorization so that the district may communicate with the virtual school. The parent/guardian of students educated in an FPE or home school must provide timely information to the district, and respond to any questions about the information, so that the district can determine eligibility.

Financial and Other Obligations

RP students are required to pay to participate in events and activities and meet financial obligations to the same extent as other district students. RP students are required to provide the same equipment and gear expected of all participants and may be required to attend camps for specialized training. Failure to meet these requirements could result in exclusion from events and activities.

Health and Safety

The district requires parents/guardians to provide proof of residency, proof of age, proof of immunizations or exemptions from immunizations, emergency contacts, disciplinary information from previous schools attended, and other relevant information required of fully enrolled students that would assist the district with supervision. The district may require a physical to participate in sports that includes details on any underlying conditions relevant to participation. RP students may be required to obtain a district-issued identification document and present it upon request.

Records

Any personally identifiable records created or retained by the district will be considered an education record and will be subject to the confidentiality requirements of state and federal law.

Transportation and Supervision

The district is not responsible for transporting students who are not enrolled in the district. Parents/Guardians may be required to transport RP students to and from events or activities and any required rehearsals, practice sessions, or training sessions unless the district determines that district transportation is available and/or required for all student participants.

The district cannot provide supervision to RP students outside the event, activity, or required coursework, rehearsals, practice sessions, or training sessions, and non-enrolled students must

remain off campus when not participating in those activities. Repeated infractions may result in the student being excluded from the event or activity.

Students with Disabilities

The district will accommodate RP students with a disability, as required by law.

Disenrollment and Discipline

Students enrolled in the district who become ineligible due to academic performance or disciplinary status and who disenroll from the district and then attend a home school, FPE school, or a virtual school, cannot return to the district and participate in an extracurricular event or activity for 12 calendar months from the date of disenrollment or longer if the student is serving a longer suspension or an expulsion. Students who have been suspended from the district cannot participate until the suspension has been served. Students who have been expelled from the district are prohibited from participating in district events and activities. If a student has been suspended or expelled from another in-state or out-of-state school or district, including a private, charter, or parochial school, this district may honor the suspension or expulsion if the student's conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. Students participating in events and activities governed by MSHSAA must also follow MSHSAA rules regarding eligibility.

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
§ 161.670, RSMo.	State Statute
§ 167.012, RSMo.	State Statute
§ 167.013, RSMo.	State Statute
§ 167.790, RSMo.	State Statute

Cross References

Code	Description
JEC-AF(1)	SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - (Enrollment Form)
JEC-1	SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

JEC-2	<u>SCHOOL ADMISSIONS</u>
JFCI-AF(1)	<u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING - (Random Testing Consent Form)</u>
JFCI-1	<u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING</u>
JFCI-1-AP(1)	<u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING - (District Does Not Perform Random Drug Testing)</u>
JFCI-2	<u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING</u>
JFCI-2-AP(1)	<u>STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING - (District Performs Random Drug Testing)</u>
JO-AP(2)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Disclosure of Photographs, Images and Recordings Maintained by the District)</u>
JO-AF(1)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (FERPA Release)</u>
JO-AF(2)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Record of Requests for Information)</u>
JO-AF(3)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Request to Amend Education Records and Request for a Hearing)</u>
JO-AF(4)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Response to Hearing)</u>
JO-AF(5)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Request for Education Records)</u>
JO-AF(6)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Transfer of Records to School Student is Currently or Prospectively Attending)</u>
JO-AF(7)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Conditions for Disclosure of Student Records to Officials and Authorities of the State Juvenile Justice System)</u>
JO-AF(8)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena)</u>
JO-AF(9)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (Nondisclosure Agreement)</u>
JO-1	<u>STUDENT RECORDS</u>
JO-1-AP(1)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (K-12 Districts)</u>
JO-2	<u>STUDENT RECORDS</u>
JO-2-AP(1)	<u>STUDENT RECORDS - (K-8 Districts)</u>