

1006.15 Student standards for participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student activities; regulation.—

- (1) This section may be cited as the “Craig Dickinson Act.”
- (2) Interscholastic extracurricular student activities are an important complement to the academic curriculum. Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and academic program contributes to student development of the social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-rounded adult. As used in this section, the term “extracurricular” means any school-authorized or education-related activity occurring during or outside the regular instructional school day. In the determination of whether a school offers an activity or a sport, the activity or sport must meet the designation requirements of s. [1006.205](#)(3)(a).
- (3)(a) As used in this section and s. [1006.20](#), the term “eligible to participate” includes, but is not limited to, a student participating in tryouts, off-season conditioning, summer workouts, preseason conditioning, in-season practice, or contests. The term does not mean that a student must be placed on any specific team for interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activities. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student must:
1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. [1002.3105](#)(5) or s. [1003.4282](#).
 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic performance contract between the student, the district school board, the appropriate governing association, and the student’s parents, if the student’s cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses required by s. [1002.3105](#)(5) or s. [1003.4282](#). At a minimum, the contract must require that the student attend summer school, or its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as necessary.
 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. [1002.3105](#)(5) or s. [1003.4282](#) during his or her junior or senior year.
 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies described in s. [1006.07](#)(2). If a student is convicted

of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is contingent upon established and published district school board policy.

(b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full school day based on rules adopted by the district school board for double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the grade point average required by this section and pass each class for which he or she is enrolled.

(c)1. An individual home education student is eligible to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance area policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to s. [1002.31](#), or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in the interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school, provided the following conditions are met:

a. The home education student must meet the requirements of the home education program pursuant to s. [1002.41](#).

b. During the period of participation at a school, the home education student must demonstrate educational progress as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the parent and the school principal which may include: review of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or any other method designated in s. [1002.41](#).

c. The home education student must meet the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates.

d. The home education student must meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities.

e. The student must register with the school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities as a representative of the school before participation. A home education student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

f. A student who transfers from a home education program to a public school before or during the first grading period of the school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to sub-subparagraph b.

g. Any public school or private school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to participate in such activities as a home education student until the student has successfully completed one grading period in home education pursuant to sub-subparagraph b. to become eligible to participate as a home education student.

2. An individual home education student is eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public school in the school district in which the student resides, provided the student meets the conditions specified in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-g.

(d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s. [1002.33](#) is eligible to participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance area policies or which the student could attend, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:

1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of the charter school education program as determined by the charter school governing board.

2. During the period of participation at a school, the charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as required in paragraph (b).

3. The charter school student must meet the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates.

4. The charter school student must meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of other students in extracurricular activities.

5. The charter school student must register with the school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities as a representative of the school before participation. A charter school student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to a traditional public school before or during the first grading period of the school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to subparagraph 2.

7. Any public school or private school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to participate in such activities as a charter school student until the student has successfully completed one grading period in a charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate as a charter school student.

(e) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity at the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance area policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to s. [1002.31](#), or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, if the student:

1. During the period of participation in the interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements in paragraph (a).
2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School.
3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates.
4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of other students in extracurricular activities.
5. Registers his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school before participation. A Florida Virtual school student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

(f) A student who transfers from the Florida Virtual School full-time program to a traditional public school before or during the first grading period of the school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to paragraph (a).

(g) A public school or private school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is

ineligible to participate in such activities as a Florida Virtual School student until the student successfully completes one grading period in the Florida Virtual School pursuant to paragraph (a).

(h) A student in a full-time virtual instruction program under s. [1002.45](#), including the full-time Florida Virtual School program, a full-time school district virtual instruction program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public school in the school district in which the student resides, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, provided the student:

1. During the period of participation in the interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements in paragraph (a);
2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School, the district school board, or the governing board of the virtual charter school, as applicable;
3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates;
4. Meets the same standards of athletic team acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of other students in extracurricular activities; and
5. Registers his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school before participation.

(i) An individual traditional public school student who is otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities may either participate in any such activity at any public school in the school district in which the student resides or develop an agreement to participate in such activity at a private school, unless the activity is provided by the student's traditional public school. Such student must:

1. Meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of other students in extracurricular activities at the school at which the student wishes to participate.
2. Before participation, register with the school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities as a representative of the school. The student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

(j)1. A school district or charter school may not delay eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in controlled open enrollment, or a choice program, from being immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets one of the following criteria:

- a. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
- b. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
- c. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
- d. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school policy.

(4) The student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities must be applied beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for participation as may be established by the district school board; however, a district school board may not establish requirements for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities which make participation in such activities less accessible to home education students than to other students. Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home education student participants may not go beyond those that apply under s. [1002.41](#) to home education students generally.

(5) Any organization or entity that regulates or governs interscholastic extracurricular activities of public schools:

- (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as member schools.
- (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible student based on an educational choice of public, private, or home education.

(6) Public schools are prohibited from membership in any organization or entity which regulates or governs interscholastic extracurricular activities and discriminates against eligible students in public, private, or home education.

(7) Any insurance provided by district school boards for participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the participating home education student. If there is an additional

premium for such coverage, the participating home education student shall pay the premium.

(8)(a) The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) shall, in cooperation with each district school board and its member private schools, facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school student who attends a private school is eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a member public high school, a member public middle school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member private school, as appropriate for the private school student's grade level, if:

1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer the sport in which the student wishes to participate.

2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of directors and the district school board or member private school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline for each sport by which the private school student's parents must register with the member school in writing their intent for their child to participate at that school in the sport.

(b) The parents of a private school student participating in a member school sport under this subsection are responsible for transporting their child to and from the member school at which the student participates. The private school the student attends, the member school at which the student participates in a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the student during such transportation.

(c) For each academic year, a private school student may only participate at the member school in which the student is first registered under subparagraph (a)2. or makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a practice.

(d) The athletic director of each participating FHSAA member school shall maintain the student records necessary for eligibility, compliance, and participation in the program.

(e) Any private school that has a student who wishes to participate in this program must make all student records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial, disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of the FHSAA.

(f) A student must apply to participate in this program through the FHSAA program application process.

(9)(a) A student who transfers to a school during the school year may seek to immediately join an existing team if the roster for the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity has not reached the activity's identified maximum size and if the coach for the activity determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability to participate. The FHSAA and school district or charter school may not declare such a student ineligible because the student did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying requirements.

(b) A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets one of the following criteria:

1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
4. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school policy.

(10) A student who participates in an interscholastic or intrascholastic activity at a public school and who transfers from that school during the school year must be allowed to continue to participate in the activity at that school for the remainder of the school year if:

(a) During the period of participation in the activity, the student continues to meet the requirements specified in paragraph (3)(a).

(b) The student continues to meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of other students participating in the activity, except for enrollment requirements at the school at which the student participates.

(c) The parents of the student participating in the activity provide for the transportation of the student to and from the school at which the student participates. The school the student attends, the school at which the student participates in the activity, and the district school board are exempt from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the student during such transportation.

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2014-17; s. 59, ch. 2014-39; s. 22, ch. 2016-237; s. 1, ch. 2017-186; s. 26, ch. 2018-6; s. 3, ch. 2023-97; s. 3, ch. 2023-113; s. 1, ch. 2025-52; s. 5, ch. 2025-106.