Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities

This is a summary of Colorado State Statutes and Colorado High School Activities Association guidelines that pertain to on-line school students participating in extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities.

Summary of the Law:

- Students enrolled in an on-line program, may participate on an equal basis in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity offered by a public school, assuming the on-line program doesn’t already offer such extracurricular or interscholastic activity.

- A school may charge any student participating in an activity a participation fee as a prerequisite to participation. The fee amount is determined in accordance with current state law.

Key Statutes

22-33-104.6.(4) (b) For purposes of this subsection (4), a child who is participating in an on-line program, other than a child who is participating in the on-line program after having been expelled from a public school, may participate on an equal basis in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity offered by a public school or offered by a private school, at the private school’s discretion, as provided in section 22-32-116.5.

22-32-116.5. (b) If a student’s school of attendance or nonpublic home-based educational program does not offer an activity in which the student wishes to participate, the student may participate in the activity at another public school in the student's school district of attendance or in the student's school district of residence. If the activity is not offered at any public school in the school district of attendance or the school district of residence, the student may participate in the activity at a public school in a school district that is contiguous to the student's school district of residence or at the nearest public school that has the facilities for and offers the activity, even if the public school is not in a contiguous school district.

(6) (a) A school may charge any student participating in an activity a participation fee as a prerequisite to participation. The fee amount that a school of participation charges a non-enrolled student shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the fee amount the school of participation would charge an enrolled student to participate in the activity.

(10) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires: (a) "Activity" means any extracurricular or interscholastic activity, including but not limited to, any academic, artistic, athletic, recreational, or other activity offered by a school.
Douglas County School District Expectations:
- **Douglas County Residents** must participate at the school in their attendance area.
- **Residents of other counties** must participate at the school closest to their attendance area that is open.
- **Eligibility** – all participants are subject to the sponsoring school’s eligibility policy.
- **Activities** –
  - Hybrid students may attend the dances of their school if they are in attendance for a minimum of 2 classes. Otherwise, they will be considered a guest.