Sparta Area School District

Article 532 - Participation of Non-Public School Students in District Programs/Activities

The Sparta Area School District recognizes that participation in curricular and co-curricular activities are an important part of our student’s total educational program. It is the policy of the Sparta Area School to encourage all of its enrolled students to participate fully in such activities, while giving their academic work the priority it deserves.

Students enrolled in a private school or home-based private educational program may participate in district classes or programs as specifically required by law. Students enrolled in a private school or home-based private educational program may take up to two courses during each school semester at the high school provided the following conditions are met:

1. The student is eligible for high school admission;
2. The student resides in the Sparta Area School District;
3. The student has parental permission and the permission of their school officials;
4. There is sufficient space in the class as determined by the building administrator

Though not required by statute, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in a private school or home-based private educational program may participate in middle school band, choir, or technical education classes, up to two courses per semester.

A Home-based Private Education (home school) student who resides in the school district and meets the state law definition of a Home-based Private Education student may participate in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities at the middle school and high school on the same basis and to the same extent as permitted for pupils enrolled in the school district. The law states: “Home-based private educational program means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child’s parent or guardian or by a person designated by the parent or guardian. An instructional program provided to more than one family unit does not constitute a home-based private educational program.”

All student participants, public and non-public, will be expected to adhere to the District’s co-curricular code of conduct.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 120.12 (23); 118.133(1-3) and 118.145(4)

Cross Reference: Sparta Area School District Co-Curricular Code
WIAA Rules of Eligibility Article I, Section 3; and Article V, Section 1

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