SB 42 Dexter Mosely Act

During the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Dexter Mosely Act (Senate Bill 42). This legislation authorizes home study students in grades 6-12 to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in the student's resident public school system,

with the requirement of certain notification and course enrollment provisions. The law is codified in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-319.6.

The Dexter Mosely Act is exclusively for Home Study/Home School students and does not apply for students enrolled in online accredited public schools such as Acellus Academy, Georgia Connections Academy, Georgia Cyber Academy, or the Georgia Virtual School. According to the Georgia Department of Education, a student can only be enrolled in one school at a time. Additionally, according to the Georgia High School Association, enrollment in another school would make the participant ineligible for high school athletics.

No home school students shall attend workouts or practices/competitions until they are fully registered.

The below documents include important information required for home-schooled students to participate in athletic and extracurricular activities in Pike County schools:

- SB42 Declaration Form
- Home School Student & Parent Guidance for SB42 Enrollment
- Georgia Department of Education Guidance for Dexter Mosely Act (SB 42)

Enrolling Adult Actions:

The enrolling parent/guardian must send an email to the high school Athletic Director, indicating the intent to enroll the student under the SB42 at least 30 days before the first school day of the semester in which a home study student will enroll in a qualifying course.

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The email must include:

- The <u>SB42 Declaration Form</u> indicating which extracurricular activities in which the student plans to participate.
- A copy of the student's most recent <u>annual progress report</u> as provided in Georgia's requirements for home school programs and include the student's instructor's individualized assessment of the student's academic progress in all courses (reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science).
- A <u>written verification</u> by the home school instructor that the student is currently receiving a passing grade in each home study program course and is maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement.
- A <u>written verification</u> of the date of the initial home school enrollment by the home school instructor or administrator.
- A current copy of the <u>student's transcript</u> including the number of cumulative units earned to date.
- A copy of the current year <u>Home Study Program Declaration of Intent</u> submitted to the Georgia Department of Education.
- Schedule an appointment to register the student before the first school day of the semester in which the student will enroll in a qualifying course.
 - Link to enrollment information
- Once the appointment is scheduled, the parent will receive a confirmation email that includes registration requirements and a link to PCSD's secure Online Registration System (OLR) to register their student(s) and upload all enrollment documents.

Continuation of Enrollment

- The below steps are required for students who are currently approved SB42 students and they wish to continue this in the next school year.
- Send the following documents to your Athletic Director:
- SB42 Declaration Form

 A new <u>SB42 Declaration Form for the upcoming year</u>, indicating which extracurricular activities in which the student plans to participate.

Updated Homeschool Transcript

 A copy of the student's most recent <u>annual progress report/transcript</u> including the student's instructor's individualized assessment of the student's academic progress in all courses (reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science) for the calendar year.

Update proof of residence

 Once the above documents have been submitted, the school will evaluate the transcript determining the student's eligibility and the school will officially enroll them for the following school year.

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