Senate Bill 42 (SB 42) FAQ

1. What is Senate Bill 42 (SB 42)?

Senate Bill 42 (SB 42), known as the SB42 Act, authorizes home study (home school) students in grades 6 through 12 to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in the student’s school zone in the resident public school system.

2. When is a student eligible to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities under the SB 42?

   a. The student must be enrolled at least 30 calendar days prior to start of a semester in a qualifying course at their districted school.

   b. All SB 42 required documents must be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the start of a semester:

      i. Written notice of intent to participate using the SB42 Enrollment Request form.
      ii. Copy of the student’s most recent annual progress assessment report.
      iii. Transcript from the home study program instructor if Georgia High School Association sport or activity.

Note 1: A student who withdraws from a public school to participate in a home study program shall be ineligible for participation in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity for 12 months from the date of the declaration of intent to utilize a home study program provided to the Department of Education.

Note 2: Home study students must meet all requirements public school students meet for enrollment including a current physical examination and proof of insurance. They must try out, pay participation fees, and meet any other requirements all students must meet.

3. Where can a student enroll to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities under SB 42?

   The student may enroll in their zoned school.

4. What is the process to enroll/register a student in Cobb County School District under SB 42?

   Enrolling adult must use CCSD Online Registration System (OLR) to enroll student in Cobb County School District. The OLR website: https://parentportal.cobbk12.org/OnlineReg/Login/PreLogin.aspx

5. What form must the enrolling adult complete to designate a SB 42 student?

   SB 42 Enrollment Request Form

6. Where should the enrolling adult send the SB 42 Enrollment Request form?

   The form needs to be submitted to the zoned school principal and Don Baker (Don.Baker@cobbk12.org) as the superintendent’s designee.
7. What courses are available to students under SB 42?

Upon enrollment verification by the local school, the student will have an option to enroll in a course through Cobb Virtual Academy, Georgia Virtual Academy, or Dual Enrollment.

8. Who is responsible for the transportation of students to and from school enrolling under the SB 42?

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school.

9. What extracurricular and interscholastic activities can a student participate in under SB 42?

Extracurricular sports and activities vary from school to school. Availability will depend on a student's zoned school.

***Band, orchestra, and chorus are classes, not extracurricular activities, and concerts are performance-based extensions of the classroom. Activities such as marching band, color guard, and school musicals are considered extracurricular activities.

10. If a student who is approved for SB42 enrollment moves to another zoned public school within the district, will they maintain their SB42 approval?

If a student with an approved SB42 enrollment makes a “bona- fide” move, meaning the student moves simultaneously with the parent(s) or person(s) he/she resided with at the former school to the new zoned public school, the SB42 approval will transfer pending the submission of the address change in ParentVue including providing two proofs of residency for the new zoned public school.

11. How does my student participate in spring tryouts/practice for Fall sports?

A student may participate in Spring tryouts for Fall sports once SB42 documents have been submitted and all enrollment documentation has been completed in the CCSD Online Registration System (OLR) for the Fall semester.

   a. Note 1: GHSA allows for spring tryouts in cheer, slow pitch softball, and volleyball. Please see GHSA Constitution for details.
   b. Note 2: GHSA allows for spring practice for football. Please see GHSA Constitution for details.

12. How is athletic eligibility determined to play sports?


13. Who should the enrolling adult contact with additional questions?

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