

Colquitt County Schools: The Dexter Mosley Act

How does the Dexter Mosley Act open up opportunities for
homeschool families in Colquitt County?

July 14, 2022

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What is the Dexter Mosley Act

- Amends the Quality Basic Education Act in order to...
 - Allow home study students in grades 6-12 to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in the student's resident public school system;
 - Provide that home study students shall complete one qualifying course during any semester the student participates in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity;
 - Provide for eligibility requirements.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- **Parent Notification**

- The parent/guardian provides to principal and superintendent a written notice of intent to participate in one or more extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities.
- You may also use this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/sb42letter>

- **Student Progress Verification**

- Parent/guardian must provide...
 - A copy of the student's most recent annual progress report
 - Evidence that the student is...
 - Currently passing each course;
 - Maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement;
 - Meets the academic requirements for participation.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- **Qualifying Course Enrollment**

- The student must enroll in and attempt to complete one qualifying course for each semester during any part of which the home study student participates in an extracurricular and/or interscholastic activity.
- This includes tryouts; practices, rehearsals, and conditionings (in- and off-season, summer, and holiday); and all exhibitions, contests, and competitions.

- **Participation Requirements**

- The home study student must meet the age, academic, behavioral, residential, zoning, and other requirements applicable to all students who are participating in the activity.
- The student must provide any supporting documentation required by the school.

- **Policy Adherence**

- The student must abide by the same student code of conduct, disciplinary measures, and transportation policies as students enrolled at the school who are participating in the same activity.

What are the eligibility requirements? (continued)

- **Selection Requirements**

- The school, system, or athletic association shall not deny the student the opportunity to tryout and participate, if selected, if the student meets the eligibility requirements outlined on the last slide.
- The student...
 - Must complete the same tryout process or equivalent as his or her full-time peers.
 - Must be selected by the coach/teacher/advisor in order to participate. Participation is not guaranteed.
 - Must provide any supporting documentation required by the resident school.

- **Ineligibility**

- 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 home study Declaration of Intent submission to GaDOE.
 - Fall 2022 homeschool cutoff date: August 3, 2021
 - Spring 2023 homeschool cutoff date: January 4, 2022

What courses qualify my student for participation?

Qualifying courses include any of the following:

- An on-site course, particularly one required for participation in the activity
 - Example: A band class is required for participation in marching band activities.
- A dual-enrollment course offered through the high school
 - Grades 10-12
 - SRTC, ABAC, and VSU
- An online course offered through the school
 - Edgenuity
 - Georgia Virtual School

What extracurricular activities are offered by Colquitt County?

Please see the handout for a complete list of extracurricular and interscholastic activities offered in grades 6-12.

Note: The semesters listed indicate when students have to be enrolled to participate in the extracurricular, not just when the sport is played.

What is the enrollment process for homeschool families who wish to participate?

- The parent or guardian registers the student at Central Enrollment and provides the following:
 - Letter of intent to the school principal and district superintendent for EACH semester the student is enrolled;
 - A copy of the student's most recent annual progress report;
 - Evidence that the student is currently passing each course, is maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement, and meets the academic requirements for participation.
- Central Enrollment will verify Homeschool status with state, process enrollment paperwork, and send it to the school.
- A counselor from the school will call family for student scheduling.

Questions before applying? Call Central Enrollment at (229) 890-6200.

Contacts for Letter of Intent *(turn in to Central Enrollment)*

Superintendent: Mr. Ben Wiggins

Grades 6-7

- School: Willie J Williams Middle School
- Principal: Mr. Jim Horne
- Counselor: Mr. Keith Hall

Grades 8-9

- School: C.A. Gray Junior High School
- Principal: Dr. Fred Smith
- Counselor: Mrs. Cathy Nobles

Grades 10-12

- School: Colquitt County High School
- Principal: Mr. Dan Chappuis
- Counselor: Ms. Shatarra Brown

Parent Questions

- 1. *Will enrolling in dual enrollment courses through the public school limit my child's access to courses at SRTC, ABAC, VSU, etc.?***
 - a. No, the approved course list is the same for both public school and homeschool students.
- 2. *Will my child receive a Colquitt County High School diploma?***
 - a. No, they will still be considered a homeschool student for diploma conferral, college admissions, HOPE / Zell Miller requirements, etc.
- 3. *Do I need to submit my child's standardized test scores?***
 - a. No. We welcome any information that may help us as we work with your child, but you are not required to give us any standardized test scores.

Q&A

Athletics: Cleve Edwards, Athletic Director

Dual Enrollment: Dana Lewis, Assistant High School Coordinator, SRTC

Enrollment: Meg Bishop, Instructional Technology Director

School Representatives:

- Dan Chappuis, Principal, Colquitt County High School
- Fred Smith, Principal, C.A. Gray Junior High School
- Jim Horne, Principal, Williams Middle School

We want your feedback!

