

7.1.6 Non-traditional student participation in band and/or athletic programs

The Guntersville City Board of Education will allow students who have been enrolled in a homeschool program to make an application for enrollment to Guntersville City Schools. Non-Resident students must apply for admission by June 15th. The Guntersville City Board of Education will maintain a screening process to include the approved universal screening tool utilized by each school and a review committee to determine the grade level and/or credits accumulated for the potential student. Students with special circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the school and board of education administrators.

A student who withdraws from the Guntersville School District to homeschool may not re-enroll until the open enrollment period. (Last day of school year and until June 15).

The Guntersville City Board of Education will allow students who are enrolled in a homeschool program participate in band and/or athletics as is permitted by Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) guidelines. Homeschooled students planning to participate in Guntersville City Schools band and/or athletic programs must meet and adhere to the following requirements:

- Qualify for enrollment in Guntersville City Schools based on residency status.
- Be enrolled within the first 20 days of the school year.
- Complete the enrollment procedure requirements.
- Fulfill the AHSAA *Academic Accountability* requirements for athletic participation.
- Complete all athletic requirements as outlined by the AHSAA for athletic participation.
- Submit grades of the 4 required homeschool **core** courses at the end of each semester in order to maintain academic eligibility. Failure to comply with the submission of grades will result in ineligibility to participate in the GCS programs.
- Students will be required to take tests in all four core subjects at the end of each semester for academic eligibility beginning with grade 7 through the end of the first semester in grade 12. All assessment testing will be conducted on campus of the school under the supervision of a certified instructor employed by the school. Note: Home school students who opt to take core courses through ACCESS or college course credit are not required to take the criteria tests.
- Take the required electives as outlined below:
 - GMS (grades 7 and 8) - one ACCESS elective.
 - GHS (grades 9-12) - two electives to include the following:
 - a PE class(es) required to participate in athletics and/or specified band class.
 - ACCESS elective(s)
- Adhere to the requirements outlined in the [Guntersville City Schools Athletic Handbook](#) for athletic participation.
- Abide by the [Student Drug Testing Policy and Provisions](#) as approved by Guntersville City Schools.
- As a non-traditional band member and/or athlete, the student will **not** qualify for the following:
 - Co-curricular memberships and activities.
 - Extracurricular activities available at GMS or GHS, including clubs/student organizations, school day activities/meetings, school sponsored activities/events, and nominated/elected positions available for traditional students.
 - A Guntersville High School diploma.

- Participation in the GHS graduation ceremony upon completion of the homeschool and/or ALSDE graduation requirements.

If a non-traditional band member and/or athlete desires full-time enrollment in the appropriate grade at the respective school, the student will be required to:

- Enroll at the beginning of the school year.
- Complete District specified testing for placement in core courses.

Provide a transcript of courses completed as a homeschooled student.