

HF 2754: Activities and Driver Education FAQs

Introduction

[House File 2754](#) (HF 2754), signed into law on May 20, 2026, expanded access for nonpublic and charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics at public schools through the following updates:

- Added extracurricular activities to Iowa Code section 280.13D
- In addition to nonpublic schools, a district may partner with charter schools (non-virtual instruction)
- Defined extracurricular activities as “any extracurricular activity, including theater, show choir, and band”

The legislation also expands access to driver education for charter school students.

Access to Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics

1. What are the criteria for the agreement between a public school and nonpublic school or charter school for a resident student enrolled in a nonpublic school or charter school to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletic contests or competitions?

- The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or extracurricular activity has not been provided by the nonpublic school or the charter school during the two immediately preceding school years.
- The nonpublic school or charter school has not entered into an agreement under section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility of students enrolled in the nonpublic school or charter school to participate in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or any extracurricular activity that is being provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or charter school.

2. May a nonresident student enrolled in a nonpublic or charter school participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions or extracurricular activity provided by a public school district in which the nonpublic or charter school is located?

Yes, if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or extracurricular activity has not been provided by the nonpublic school or charter school, or by the student's school district of residence during the two immediately preceding school years.
- The nonpublic school or charter school has not entered into an agreement under section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility of students enrolled in the nonpublic school or charter school to participate in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or extracurricular activity that is being provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or charter school.

3. May the school district charge students a fee?

Yes, the amount of such fee shall not exceed the amount of the fee the board of directors of the school district has established for students who are enrolled in the school district.

4. Is the student required to follow the school district's code of conduct requirements?

Yes, the nonpublic or charter school student shall participate under the same conditions as a student who is enrolled in the school district, including meeting the school district's student code of conduct requirements.

5. Is the school district, nonpublic school or charter school required to enter into an agreement?

No. The requirements would only become active if the board of directors of the school district and the authorities in charge of the nonpublic school or the governing board of the charter school are able to come to an agreement and the following criteria are satisfied:

- The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or extracurricular activity has not been provided by the nonpublic school or the charter school during the two immediately preceding school years.
- The nonpublic school or charter school has not entered into an agreement under section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility of students enrolled in the nonpublic school or charter school to participate in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition or any extracurricular activity that is being provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or charter school.

6. What activities are included in HF2754?

Any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition, and any extracurricular activity, including theater, show choir, and band.

7. What schools does this impact?

Any accredited nonpublic school and charter schools (non-virtual instruction).

8. Do these changes pertain to a student attending a virtual charter school, open enrolled to another school district or to another online school program?

No, see [open enrollment guidelines](#) and [Iowa Code section 256E.13](#) for virtual charter schools.

Driver Education

1. What is the responsibility of public school districts or charter schools to offer or make available an approved course in driver education?

- Every public school district in Iowa shall offer or make available to all students residing in the school district, or Iowa students attending a nonpublic school or receiving competent private instruction or independent private instruction as defined in section 299A.1, in the district, an approved course in driver education.
- Every public school district in Iowa shall offer or make available to all Iowa students residing in the school district who attend a charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E, subchapter I, an approved course in driver education pursuant to policies established by the public school district. ***The charter school shall be responsible for the payment of all of the school district's costs associated with providing the approved course in driver education to such students.***
- Every charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E, subchapter I, shall offer or make available to all students attending the charter school an approved course in driver education, beginning in the 2026-27 school year.