

Ohio Revised Code

Section 3313.5313 Interscholastic athletic participation by nonresident victims of harassment.

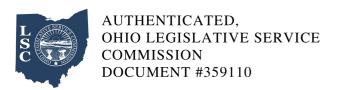
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- (A) As used in this section:
- (1) "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" has the same meaning as in section 3313.666 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Home-educated student" means a student who is receiving home education in accordance with section 3321.042 of the Revised Code.
- (3) "Qualifying offense" means any of the following:
- (a) An offense of violence;
- (b) A violation of section 2907.07 of the Revised Code;
- (c) An attempt to commit an offense of violence or a violation of section 2907.07 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Qualifying school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, a chartered nonpublic school, or a nonchartered nonpublic school.
- (5) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The superintendent of any school district may afford any home-educated student, regardless of whether the superintendent's district is the student's resident district, the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school of the superintendent's district, if the student was subject to any



of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer or another student from the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code:

- (1) Harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- (2) A qualifying offense, for which the school official, employee, or volunteer or another student has been either of the following:
- (a) Charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing;
- (b) Alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing.
- (3) Conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the state board of education.
- (C) The chief administrative officer of any qualifying school may afford any home-educated student the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at the chief administrative officer's school, if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer or another student from the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code:
- (1) Harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- (2) A qualifying offense, for which the school official, employee, or volunteer or another student has been either of the following:
- (a) Charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing;
- (b) Alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing.
- (3) Conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the state board of education.



- (D) Divisions (C) to (E) of section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code apply to a home-educated student who participates in interscholastic athletics at school under this section.
- (E) No district or school shall impose additional rules on a student to participate under this section that do not apply to other students participating in the same interscholastic athletics activity. No district or school shall impose fees for a student to participate under this section that exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the same interscholastic athletics activity.
- (F) No school district board of education, STEM school governing body, or governing authority of a community school, chartered nonpublic school, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall take any action contrary to the provisions of this section.
- (G) No school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall do either of the following:
- (1) Require a student who is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics under this section to meet eligibility requirements that conflict with this section;
- (2) Penalize or restrict the eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics of a student who, during a school year, ceases to participate in interscholastic athletics at one district or school and then begins to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different district or school under this section.