

## **Instruction**

### **Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities**

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular and co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Requests from students.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Building Principals are responsible for the scheduling and announcing of student extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Students can only participate in competitive extracurriculars in the building where they attend school.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by School Board policy, *7:330, Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access*.

### **Academic Criteria for Participation**

For students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.

For high school students, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activity, a student must meet the following criteria.

The District realizes the value of extracurricular activities in producing a well-rounded student. It is the intent of the District that the participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic competition is a profitable educational experience. In order to accomplish this end, fair and enforceable rules and regulations must be in place. The following rules apply to all extracurricular activities, IHSA governed activities (athletics, music, chess, etc.) and all other activities including cheerleading.

### **High School Students**

#### **Attendance**

1. A student must be in attendance for the entire school day in order to participate in a District extracurricular activity. Emergency situations shall be given due consideration.
2. A student must attend a member school and may only represent in competition the school where the student attends.
3. A student must be enrolled and attending classes no later than the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> school day of the semester.
4. If a student attends school for ten or more days any one semester, the semester will count as one of the eight semesters the student is allowed for athletic eligibility during the student's high school career.

5. If a student is absent from school for ten consecutive days during a semester, except for specific reasons outlined in the By-laws, the student will be ineligible for the rest of the semester.

#### Participation Limitations

1. Students who are representing the District in extracurricular activities must apply the rules of conduct found in the North Boone School District Discipline Code, Policy 7:190 every day and time of the week from the first day of formal organization and/or practice and extend through the last event of that activity.  
The administrator may initiate the action at any step indicated, depending on the severity of the misbehavior or in cases if frequent disciplinary incidences involving the student. Principals are not obligated to act in all instances of violations of this code if the evidence is not substantiated.
2. After a student enrolls in the ninth grade, the student will be eligible for no more than eight semesters.
3. A student's seventh and eighth semesters of eligibility must be consecutive. Other semesters of possible eligibility need not be consecutive.
4. After a student enrolls in ninth grade, a student will be eligible for no more than four seasons of competition in any sport.

#### Scholastic Standing

1. A student must be passing five classes to participate in contests/events with all classes being considered (opting out of physical education does not count as a class). Grades for eligibility are cumulative for the semester. They do not start either weekly or quarterly. Eligibility will be checked on a weekly basis. Grades will be turned in on Thursday and reported to the coaches/sponsor's on Monday. If grades indicate the student is ineligible, the student will not be able to participate in contests/events that week, Monday through Sunday. However, during periods of ineligibility, the student is required to attend practice and may attend meetings. The third week a student is ineligible; the student will be removed from the team/activity. In the case of an activity, the student will be removed for the semester. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must be notified by phone or mail when the student is declared ineligible. Weeks of ineligibility need not be consecutive. Any student must have passed five classes in the preceding semester to participate in any extracurricular activities. Any student who is academically ineligible (previous semester) on the first day of practice may not try out for that sport or activity.
2. Students entering the ninth grade will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities subject to the academic eligibility requirements based on their high school classes.

#### **Middle School Students**

While middle school athletics and cheerleading are not governed by IHSA rules, the District must abide by the rules of the conferences of which we are members and Board policy.

#### Attendance

A student must be in attendance for the entire school day in order to participate in a District extracurricular activity. Emergency situations shall be given due consideration.

#### Participation Limitations

Students who are representing the District in extracurricular activities must apply the rules of conduct found in the North Boone School District Discipline Code, Policy 7:190 every day and time of the week from the first day of formal organization and/or practice and extend through the last event of that activity.

The administrator may initiate the action at any step indicated, depending on the severity of the misbehavior or in cases if frequent disciplinary incidences involving the student. Principals are not obligated to act in all instances of violations of this code if the evidence is not substantiated.

Scholastic Standing

At the middle school level, a student is issued a warning upon the first week of incurring a failing average in one or more subjects. In the second week of incurring a failing average in one or more subjects, a student may practice with the team but may not participate in any contests. After a third week of incurring a failing average, a student will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. In the case of a club or activity, the student will be removed for the remainder of the quarter. Weeks of ineligibility do not have to be consecutive to advance to the next step of ineligibility. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must be notified by mail or by phone of a student's ineligibility. Periods of ineligibility are from noon on Friday to noon the following Friday.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), *7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)*, 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), ~~7:190 (Student Discipline)~~, 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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