

FFE: Extracurricular Participation Requirements Policy

Philosophy

The Board believes that participation in extracurricular activities constitutes a privilege and not a right. Students who participate in extracurricular activities represent the student body, school district, and community on the state and notation level. As such, behavior of these students is a reflection of the entire community.

The District will enforce the requirements placed on extracurricular participants by the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA), which govern both on-and-off-campus behavior. In addition, the Board has established the following extracurricular participation requirements.

Activities Affected by this Policy

Activities affected by this policy shall include extracurricular activities as listed in the student handbook, including those not sponsored by NDHSAA.

Tobacco, Alcohol & Other Drug Use

In addition to the tobacco, alcohol, and other drug prohibitions contained in NDHSAA bylaws, the District prohibits student presence at a gathering where alcohol, tobacco, or a controlled substance is being illegally used. Student presence at such a gathering will be regarded as possession. The Building Principal and/or Superintendent will take into consideration whether the student was at a gathering where the student had knowledge that alcohol, tobacco, or a controlled substance was being illegally used and whether or not the student had a reasonable opportunity to remove themselves from said location. The disciplinary consequences for violation of this rule shall be suspension from extracurricular participation for the same duration as prescribed for tobacco, alcohol, and other drug possession by NDHSAA bylaws.

Academics

NDHSAA requires that local districts establish a definition of what constitutes a failing grade. For the purposes of this policy, a failing grade is defined as receiving a F in any curricular course as computed from the beginning of the semester for regular education students or, in the case of special education students, not meeting the goals of Individual Education Programs as assessed from the beginning of the semester.

In addition to the NDHSAA academic standards, the Divide County School District also requires that no student may participate in a contest if he or she is failing two or more classes as computed from the beginning of the semester.

Violation of Other Misconduct Policies

Students who violate student conduct policies not covered by NDHSAA bylaws may be subject to suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of up to six (6) consecutive weeks for the first offense and a period of eighteen (18) weeks for any subsequent offense(s). Such consequences shall be imposed in addition to other disciplinary consequences imposed under the applicable policy.

Suspension Procedure

When the Principal and/or Superintendent, as a result of his/her investigation, concludes that a violation of this policy or NDHSAA bylaws has occurred, they shall issue notice to the student of this suspension.

Practice and Travel while Suspended

Students who are under suspension are encouraged to practice and travel with their respective teams. However, suspended students will not be allowed to miss school time to travel with the team. In addition, they will not be eligible for any student meals that the school district provides.

Accumulation of Violations

A student's record of violations of this policy shall be cumulative commencing with promotion from grade eight to grade nine and concluding upon his/her graduation or completion of any school-sponsored activity extending beyond graduation (e.g., state track meet).

Off-Season Violations

In addition to the penalties delineated in this policy, in the event the suspension is administered during a season when the student is not actively participating (e.g. summer for all students, fall for a student participating in track), the student's suspension shall be extended to include a minimum of a two-week or two-contest suspension (whichever is more severe) from the student's next activity. "Next activity" shall be defined as the next activity in which the student begins practicing at the appropriate date and conclude at the end of the season (i.e. does not start and quit) Should the student's next activity not be until the following school year, the two-week or two-contest rule will be applied at that time.

Complementary Documents

FF: Student Conduct & Discipline

FFE-AR: Meals for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities

FFE-AR2: Athletic Physicals

FFK: Suspension & Expulsion

FFK-BR: Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

GCBA, Grading