

Clark County School District High School Athletic Eligibility A Guide for Student-Athletes

A Message to Student-Athletes

The Clark County School District (CCSD) and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) have standards that must be met in order to be eligible to participate in any NIAA-sanctioned interscholastic athletic program.

The essential eligibility requirements in this guide are only a summary of some of the regulations affecting student eligibility. For additional information, please contact the administration at your school and review the NIAA Handbook posted on the NIAA website. Your school has the authority to establish additional academic standards and codes of student and athletic conduct.

Any questions regarding NIAA standards or athletic eligibility should be reviewed with the school administration. The eligibility standards of the NIAA have been adopted by the member schools, approved by the NIAA Board of Control, and accepted by each school as they became an NIAA member.

We encourage student-athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to review these standards carefully as you are responsible for compliance with these standards.

Summary of the Rules

The following rules apply to all NIAA-sanctioned athletic programs.

Online Registration	Students must register through www.aktivate.com prior to trying out.
Insurance	- Students must provide their accident and health insurance information in Aktivite. - CCSD does not provide any type of accident or health insurance for injuries. - Voluntary Student Medical Insurance information is provided at this link.
Physical Examination	- Students must pass a physical examination and be cleared by a physician yearly. - Students must upload the Medical Eligibility Form signed by the physician into Aktivite.
Age Limitation	A student whose 20th birthday occurs during a season is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned sport during that season and any season that is conducted after that date.
Years of Eligibility	- Students are eligible for eight consecutive semesters, starting with their Grade 9 status, regardless of participation during the eligibility period. - Fifth-year seniors are ineligible for athletic participation.
Residency Rules	- Two proofs of address are required for all registrations involving a student who has not been enrolled at the school they wish to participate at for 180 school days or longer. - A document proving abandonment of a previous address is required for all registrations involving a student who has moved with the past 180 school days. Zone of Attendance - Students are eligible at the school located within the zone of attendance in which the student and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) reside. - Students who move and/or transfer schools within 180 school days of the start of the season are presumed ineligible and must be approved by CCSD/NIAA.

	· Students enrolling at a school out of the zone of attendance through a CCSD approved program or who have transferred to a new school within one year of receiving instruction from a person affiliated with the school are ineligible for 180 school days. Administrative Placement · Students who are enrolled on an administrative placement through the Change of School Assignment (COSA) office are ineligible for 180 school days. · Administrative placements through the Education Services Division (ESD) must be approved through CCSD with a placement letter. Change of School Assignment (COSA) - CCSD Regulation 5112 · Students enrolled on a COSA are ineligible for varsity athletics for the first 180 school days of their enrollment. · Students who transfer to another high school or return to their zoned school after being enrolled on a COSA are ineligible for 180 school days. Charter School · Students who attend a charter school may not participate at their zoned school if they have the opportunity to participate in the sport at their charter school. If the sport is not offered, the student must be approved through the NIAA with proper documentation. · Students who transfer from or to a charter school are ineligible for 180 school days in any sport where their name appeared on the roster during their enrollment at the previous school. Homeschool · Students who are homeschooled may participate at their zoned school after approval through CCSD with Letters of Intent to Homeschool and Participate receipts. Magnet · Students who attend a school through a magnet program must be approved through CCSD with proper documentation. · Students who transfer to another high school or return to their zoned school after being enrolled in a magnet program are ineligible for 180 school days in any sport where their name appeared on the roster during their enrollment at the magnet school. Private School · Students who transfer from or to a private school are ineligible for 180 school days in any sport where their name appeared on the roster during their enrollment at the previous school. Shared Housing · Students who are enrolled through Shared Housing are ineligible for the first 180 school days of their enrollment.
Guardianship Rules	Divorce · Students whose parents are divorced are eligible with their primary custodial parent. · In the case of joint custody, eligibility remains at their current school. · If joint custody was determined prior to entering Grade 9, the student establishes eligibility with the parent with whom they enroll in Grade 9. · A change in guardianship will result in ineligibility for 180 school days.

	Separation · Students whose parents separate while enrolled in high school, will retain their eligibility at their current school. · If a separation occurs prior to Grade 9, the student establishes eligibility with the parent with whom they enroll in Grade 9. · A change in guardianship will result in ineligibility for 180 school days. Legal Guardians · Students living with a legal guardian must be approved through CCSD after providing proper court documents. Temporary Guardians · Students who have temporary guardians are ineligible.
Ineligibility	· Falsification of any documents or being dishonest regarding your residency or guardianship may result in ineligibility for 360 school days (two years).
Academic Eligibility	· Students must be enrolled in two units of credit during the season. · Students' academic status will be updated at each grading period (quarter and semester). · Students must pass two units of credit in the immediate preceding grading period. · Students may fail no more than one class in the immediate preceding grading period. · Students must obtain an unweighted grade point average of 2.0 in the immediate preceding grading period. · Students must maintain passing grades in all classes during the season, which is monitored through three-week grade checks by the school administrator. · Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements at a grading period, as mentioned above, may regain eligibility at a three-week grade check. · Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements at a grading period are immediately ineligible if failing a class during at a three-week grade check. · Students in Grade 9 are initially academically eligible until first quarter grades are posted.
Attendance	· Per CCSD Regulation 5135.1, a student must be in attendance for a full day on the day of a game in order to be eligible to play unless prior approval for the absence is granted.
Behavior	· Students who are serving a consequence such as Required Parent Conference, Suspension, or STAROn or who have been referred to law enforcement and/or arrested are ineligible for participation in practice or competition while serving the consequence and up to one year at the principal's discretion.
Substance Abuse Policy	· Students determined to be in possession of, or to have used, tobacco, an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance is in violation of the NIAA Substance Abuse Policy. · First Violation requires six competitive weeks of suspension from participation in interscholastic competition. Four weeks of the suspension may be waived if the student successfully completes an appropriate substance abuse intervention program. A student may practice with the team during the suspension period. · Second Violation requires a minimum 90-day suspension from participation in interscholastic competition, which shall include a minimum of six competitive weeks of competition. The student must have a substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor within ten days of the suspension. All requirements must be met before athletic eligibility is reinstated. A student may not practice with the team during the suspension period.

	· Third Violation results in ineligibility of the student from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's high school career.
Ejections	· Students ejected from a contest are suspended from the next two contests and cannot be on CCSD property for the game, either home or away. · There is no appeal of an ejection or suspension. · Ejected players are required to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course prior to reinstatement. · Students ejected from a contest for the third time during a season are suspended from all sanctioned sports for a minimum of 180 school days. · Students ejected from a contest for verbal abuse, assault, or battery against a sports official are suspended from all sanctioned sports for up to 180 school days.