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SHEBOYGAN AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

High School Co-Curriculum Handbook
2026 - 2027

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Sheboygan Area School District offers its students a variety of student activities. The goals of these activities are many - giving students a chance to grow mentally and physically, teaching lessons that might not otherwise be available in the classroom, developing positive relationships with peers and having fun.

Participating in these activities is a privilege, not a right. The SASD Board of Education has approved a code outlining behavior that will not be acceptable by students participating in many of these activities, as well as penalties students will face should they engage in this unacceptable behavior.

Students, parents and staff (coaches, teachers and administrators) must work together to ensure that SASD's co-curricular program meets its goals. Each of these three groups has a number of responsibilities:

Students ...

READ THE CODE! Students must read the code and sign a Handbook Awareness Form before they will be allowed to participate. Students must attend a preseason meeting at either high school where the school's activities director will discuss the code.

Students have a responsibility to understand the contents of the code. If something in the code is confusing, students have a responsibility to ask questions of their coach or activities director before signing. "I didn't understand" is not a defense for engaging in unacceptable behavior.

Students have a responsibility to themselves, their teammates and coach, their parents, their school and the community members who support them. Students who choose to engage in unacceptable behavior, and risk the resulting penalty, are letting those groups down.

Once they have signed the code, students agree to abide by its terms for the remainder of their high school career, whether or not they are participating in the activities covered by the code.

Parents ...

READ THE CODE! Parents must read the code and sign a Handbook Awareness Form before their child will be able to participate. Parents must attend a preseason meeting at either high school where the school's activities director will discuss the code.

Parents who cannot attend that meeting have a responsibility to schedule a time to meet with the activity’s director. Parents have a responsibility to understand the contents of the code. The process offers parents/students an opportunity to appeal penalties. "I didn't know" or "I didn't understand" are not grounds for appeals.

Coaches ...

READ THE CODE! Coaches have a responsibility to understand the code and be able to answer questions from their players and parents. Coaches who have their own questions about the code should discuss them with their activity's director.

Coaches will require their players to abide by the code. Losing a player to a code violation can have a lasting negative impact on a season. Proactive approaches by coaches can ensure code violations don't happen.

Staff ...

READ THE CODE! All SASD staff have a responsibility to understand the code and assist in the enforcement and implementation of it, especially the academic eligibility section.

II. ACADEMICS

The Sheboygan Area School District encourages all students to strive for academic excellence. Students participating in co-curricular activities are expected to pass all course work. Students will comply with WIAA academic standards.

A. There will be eight academic grade checks during the school year.

2026-2027 Grade Check Schedule:

1. Fall sports eligibility - (See section J below)
2. Mid Quarter Grade Check - **September 30** - (Earliest possible return Oct 14)
3. First Quarter Grade Check - **November 4** (Earliest return Nov. 19)
4. Mid Quarter Grade Check - **December 2** - (Earliest possible return Dec.16)
5. First Semester Grade Check - **January 20** - (Earliest possible return Feb 3)
6. Mid Quarter Grade Check - **February 17** (Earliest possible return March 4)
7. Third Quarter Grade Check - **April 1** - (Earliest possible return April 15)
8. Mid Quarter Check - **April 28** - (Earliest possible return May 12)
9. Second Semester - **June 5**- (See letter J below)

B. Eligibility is based on a "no pass/no play" policy that will be administered at each of the grade check dates listed above in section A.

1. At each grade check, teachers must inform their activities director, who in turn will inform students, their parents, and coaches of any students who are receiving a **cumulative (semester grade)** "F" for the class. The students identified will then be placed on Academic Re-engagement Status.

2. Students on Academic Re-engagement Status will be given ten (10) school days to earn passing grades in all classes. During these ten (10) school days, students will be ineligible to participate in games, contests, or performances. In order for the student to regain eligibility on school day eleven (11), the activities office will need to verify passing grades for all classes. **(Students will take a grade check form to each teacher to have signed confirming they are passing)**

3. Students on Academic Re-engagement Status who are not passing all classes after the 10th school day, will be considered ineligible for games, contests, or performances until the next grade check at which time they must be passing all classes to regain eligibility.

4. Students who are passing all classes on the 11th school day will regain eligibility to participate in games, contests, or performances for the remainder of the quarter.

5. All student participants MUST PASS ALL CLASSES EACH QUARTER in order to remain eligible to participate

6. Students with special needs shall be evaluated on an individual basis.

C. All students participating in co-curricular activities must carry a normal load of credits. Any reduced load must be approved by the designated administrator; however, no student may carry fewer than four courses (or four credits per year) and still participate in co-curricular activities.

D. All incompletes must be made up within 15 school days, otherwise they will be interpreted as failures.

E. Qualified students with exceptional needs or problems shall be provided equal opportunity for participation in co-curricular activities. A student in a special education program, or a student with an exceptional need or problem, may be exempted from normal academic requirements provided there is satisfactory progress and success in an ongoing program of remediation or counseling. Decisions regarding such cases will involve the student, parent, coach, counselor, case manager and the activities director.

F. A student may attempt to regain eligibility or remove probation through equivalent courses, provided this is approved in advance through the designated administrator.

G. A student who is academically ineligible to compete, may practice in the activity with the coach's/advisor's permission.

H. A student who (has not previously signed the Handbook Awareness Form) begins any Category A activity for the first time may not be sanctioned for previous misbehaviors or academic deficiencies.

I. NCAA ClearingHouse: Each year students who think they might compete in interscholastic sports at Division 1 or 2 levels in college should consult with their guidance counselor to ensure they are taking the required courses so they are eligible to compete as freshmen.

J. Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport. (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction). Note 1: An inter school scrimmage does <u>not</u> count as a game or meet for purposes of this expectation. Note 2: If a multi school meet is counted on your schedule as one meet, it also counts as one meet as it applies to the number of meets an ineligible student will sit out. Note 3: Games/meets at different levels of competition may NOT be combined to reach the number of meets an athlete must sit out.

K. Winter Sports - Any students participating in Winter sports who failed one or more **<u>first quarter</u>** classes shall be ineligible for ten school days beginning on the student's first day of practice. In order for the student to regain eligibility on school day eleven (11), the activities office will need to verify passing grades for all classes.

III. ATTENDANCE

The SASD encourages all students to strive for perfect attendance, emphasizing that regular attendance is essential to the pursuit of excellence. The following policies shall be uniformly enforced at all high schools in the district.

The coach/advisor shall daily check the absence list for students who are participants in their co curricular activities. The coach/advisor shall verify the truancy with the student and notify the activities director of the disciplinary action.

A. A student who is verified truant or has a verified unexcused absence from school for one or more periods on a given day while a participant in a co-curricular activity shall be ineligible to participate in the next contest or event in that activity, and may not practice that day.

B. In case of excessive truancy or unexcused absences out of the season, the student, parent, counselor, activities director and coach/advisor shall meet to establish attendance expectations. Should there be no improvement, they shall determine consequences that could include the suspension from a given number of events from the next activity of participation.

C. A student who is absent and is not present at all of his/her classes during the day other than for school-related activities, shall be withheld from participation that day unless the student has a parental excuse which has been approved by the activity's director.

D. A student who is absent the whole day on Friday shall be withheld from participation on Saturday unless the student brings a written statement from their parents explaining the absence and giving their permission for the student to participate. The coach/advisor shall make the final decision on participation, taking into consideration the student's health and welfare.

E. A student who refuses to participate in class activities will not be allowed to participate in co curricular activities that day.

IV. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

A. A student may participate in both interscholastic sports and other co-curricular activities at the same time, provided there is agreement with both of the affected coaches and/or advisors.

B. A student may participate in two interscholastic sports at the same time, but only after submitting written approval signed by both coaches and the activities director. This must be done no later than five days after the first practice.

C. A student who is "cut" from one interscholastic sport may go out for another sport that same season.

D. A student who is out for one co-curricular activity, but decides to switch to a different activity that same season, may do so, but only after submitting written approval signed by both coaches to the designated administrator. This must be done before the season is half over.

V. UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

The Sheboygan Area School District encourages each student to pursue excellence, not only in the academic and activity areas, but also in the areas of conduct and behavior. The following actions and behavior is unacceptable and shall result in suspension from participation, including competition, performance, and in some cases practice.

The rules governing unacceptable conduct are in effect at all times, including the off-season and during the summer. These expectations begin when a student participates in any co-curricular activity for the first time and remain continuously in effect until the student graduates.

Please see the unacceptable conduct and penalty list on Table 1.

A. Contest Definition - Any game, meet, invitational or event as defined by the WIAA. Certain multi-school tournaments are counted as one contest in some sports. Interscholastic scrimmages, regardless of the size or importance of the event, may not be counted as part of the suspension. The penalty will be based on the number of scheduled contests within the restriction of the WIAA. WIAA tournament contests are not included as part of the regular season total.

One quarter of the season:

1-4	Contest season	1 contest	1-8	Contest season	1 contest
5-8	Contest season	2 contests	9-16	Contest season	2 contests
9-12	Contest season	3 contests	17-24	Contest season	3 contests
13-16	Contest season	4 contests			
17-20	Contest season	5 contests			
21-24	Contest season	6 contests			

One eighth of the season:

One half of the season:

1-2	Contest season	1 contest
3-4	Contest season	2 contests
5-6	Contest season	3 contests
7-8	Contest season	4 contests
9-10	Contest season	5 contests
11-12	Contest season	6 contests
13-14	Contest season	7 contests
15-16	Contest season	8 contests
17-18	Contest season	9 contests
19-20	Contest season	10 contests
21-22	Contest season	11 contests
23-24	Contest season	12 contests

B. Suspensions - A student who is suspended out of school more than five days during a semester shall be denied the privilege of participating in any co-curricular activity for a period of 90 consecutive school days.

C. Transfers - An athlete transferring from any senior high school to a SASD high school shall retain any disciplinary penalties previously incurred and not served. Transfers will be in compliance with Wisconsin State Open Enrollment Rules and WIAA Policy.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE(S)

When an alleged co-curricular violation is reported to the activities director (the allegation will be written and signed by the complainant, and the identity of the complainant will not be revealed except to authorized persons), the activities director shall arrange a conference with the student to take place as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) school days after the allegation has been made. The parent or guardian may attend at the student's request provided that the time frames are not compromised. (It is to be noted that preschool activity practice days will be considered as school days for these purposes.) The student in question may continue to practice and compete until the initial conference is held.

A. In the event the student admits to the allegation of a violation at the conference, the activities director shall impose the appropriate penalty for the violation as herein specified, which begins immediately.

B. In the event the student denies the alleged violation at the initial conference, the activities director shall determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence to warrant further action.

1. If there is not clear and convincing evidence as determined by the activities director the allegation will be dropped.

2. If there is clear and convincing evidence that the student has committed the alleged violation, the activities director shall impose the penalty for the violation as herein specified, which begins immediately. The student and his/her parents or guardian shall be given written notice of the discipline imposed, the reason for the same and shall be informed of the opportunity for appeal.

VII. PENALTY IMPOSITION

A. Penalties for in season violations shall begin being served immediately. Penalties for out of season violations shall begin being served during the next co-curricular activity in which the student participates. Penalties as listed in Table 1 are for restriction from participation in any scheduled or WIAA tournament contests.

B. A student who is fulfilling a penalty while participating in a co-curricular activity must 1) successfully participate in the activity to the coaches'/advisors' satisfaction, and 2) participate in the co-curricular activity until the season is concluded, in order to fulfill any portion of any previously unfulfilled penalty.

C. For a full season penalty, the penalty must be served in the next co-curricular activity in which the student previously participated. If the student chooses to participate in an activity in which the student has not previously participated, 50% of their penalty will be served in that season and 50% of their penalty will be served in the season they previously participated in.

D. Penalties unfulfilled at the end of a season for a co-curricular activity in which a student is participating, transfer to the next co-curricular activity in which a student participates. For a full season penalty, the unfulfilled portion of the penalty will transfer to the next co-curricular activity in which the student participates, however, no more than one half of a season of penalty can be fulfilled in a co-curricular activity in which the student has not previously participated.

E. When a student violates different categories during one incident, the activities director reserves the right to impose a penalty as deemed appropriate to the student's overall record of previous violations. This penalty shall be limited to concurrently imposing both the most severe penalty applicable to a "W", "X'" or "Y" violation and any applicable penalty for a "Z" violation.

F. Penalties imposed will continue to be served and counted during WIAA tournament series when applicable.

G. If a student is participating in more than one activity at the same time and a penalty is incurred, the full penalty will apply to both activities.

H. A student on suspension from an activity for a violation must continue to practice and complete the season if the coach/advisor desires. For penalties of less than one calendar year, the student must be participating in a co-curricular activity, in order to be fulfilled. For one calendar year penalties, participation in any co-curricular activity during the penalty period is for practice purposes only. For the remainder of high school penalties, no further participation in any co-curricular activity will be allowed.

VIII. LETTER AWARDS

Students who have a violation of unacceptable conduct may only receive the basic letter award earned. This includes the numeral, JV or Varsity letter.

Students who incur their first violation of unacceptable conduct during a co-curricular activity shall not be eligible to receive any team award or honor other than a letter award during that season. Should a student incur his/her first violation of unacceptable conduct out of season, he/she will not be eligible for any team award or honor other than a letter award during the next co-curricular activity.

A. The team awards or honors affected are most valuable player, most improved player, captain or any other honorary team awards.

B. The first violation of W Table 1 is excluded from this rule.

C. In addition to the above restrictions, students who have two or more violations of unacceptable conduct during their four years of high school shall not be eligible for consideration for any co curricular award for the remainder of their career.

D. The participant is no longer eligible for team honors or awards during the season in which they are serving the penalty. The team awards affected are most valuable, most improved player, captain or any other honorary team awards. This does not include conference awards.

IX. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

All violations involving alcohol and/or drugs shall lead to direct involvement in the Student Assistance Program (SAP). Please see Exhibit F for the definition of SAP.

A. On the first violation involving alcohol or drugs the student shall be formally involved in the SAP at the first offense level.

B. Before a student may regain eligibility, the requirements of the SAP must be fulfilled or be in the process of being completed. Failure to do so shall result in an immediate temporary suspension. The student, counselor and the SAP Coordinator shall meet to determine the student's status.

C. For further violations or relapses, penalties will be established by the core groups that are consistent with the policies of the Board and WIAA. Students will also be referred to the ATOD Facilitator.

X. APPEALS PROCESS

A. In the event the student wishes to appeal the decision, he/she must notify the building principal in writing within five (5) school days of that conference. The building principal shall schedule a conference as soon as possible, preferably before the next contest. The building principal will only investigate whether proper procedure was followed. The penalty already imposed shall remain in effect pending the decision of the building principal that will be communicated to the student and the parents or guardian.

B. If the student or parent wishes to appeal the decision of the building principal, the student or parent/guardian shall make their appeal to the superintendent in writing within five (5) school days of the decision. The superintendent will have the authority to investigate, affirm, modify or overturn the decision and determine whether proper procedure was used, and examine the issues involved in the situation. The decision made by the superintendent is final.

C. A student and/or parent/guardian can waive their right to appeal a decision to the building principal and appeal directly to the superintendent if they agree that the activities director followed procedure.

XI. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

The Sheboygan Area School District expends significant amounts of money each year to supply, equip and clothe participants in the various activities. Each student is required to accept the responsibility of good care and safekeeping of such equipment and uniforms.

A. Locks: A lock is issued to you for the safekeeping of your personal belongings as well as equipment and uniforms of the school. Do not tell the combination to anyone, and never leave it in an unlocked position. If the lock is lost or damaged, the student must pay the replacement fee before being allowed to participate in another sport.

B. Uniforms and Equipment: Once uniforms and equipment are issued to a student, they become the sole responsibility of the student until they are properly checked in at the end of the season.

1. Any of these items that are lost, stolen or damaged through negligence on the part of the student shall be replaced at the student's expense before being allowed to participate in another sport.

1. Uniforms are not for personal use, nor are they to be worn as personal apparel.

    a. The only exception to this is the day of games or meets when the jersey is worn to school.

    b. A school uniform or apparel may not be worn at clinics or sport camps, nor out-of-season, nor in physical education classes.

1. Any student wearing or having in his/her possession, without appropriate authorization, uniforms or equipment from North or South High School, or from other schools against whom we compete, will be suspended from further competition, and the stolen property shall be returned immediately.

    a. The first violation shall result in a suspension of 90 school days.

    b. The second violation shall result in a suspension of one calendar year.

    a. The third violation shall result in permanent suspension.

1. Students finding school uniforms or equipment are asked to return it to their coach or the school office.

XII. COACH'S EXPECTATIONS

By the direction of the Board of Education, each head coach or advisor of interscholastic athletics and activities will develop expectations for the students participating in their sport or activity. These expectations will pertain to areas not specifically referred to in this handbook. Advisors, directors and coaches will use this rule, giving particular attention to Unacceptable Conduct Item Z-E of Table 1, as a guideline to develop expectations as well as consequences appropriate to their activity.

Type	Unacceptable Conduct	Penalty
W	Knowingly attend or otherwise be involved, but does not participate in an activity, party or event, where illegal drugs are being used or alcohol is being consumed by persons not of legal age.	First offense, suspension of one contest or 8 hrs. of community service. For second or subsequent offenses, penalties applicable to a Type "X" violation will be enforced, beginning with ¼ of the season.
X	**A.** Possesses, transports, consumes, or uses alcoholic or malt beverages, controlled substances, and/or drug paraphernalia. **B.** Possesses, consumes, or uses smokeless tobacco or unauthorized inhalants. **C.** Conviction of a misdemeanor. A student will not be punished more than once for each individual violation by the code.	First Offense - one quarter of the season or 8 hrs. of community service and 1/8 of the season. Second Offense - *1/2* of the season or 12 hrs. community service and 1/4 of a season Third Offense - entire season Fourth Offense - one calendar year Fifth Offense - remainder of high school In addition to the above penalty, students will be involved in the Student Assistance Program. Season is defined as the number of games/activities scheduled by the school. Any and all unacceptable conduct may be referred to Student Assistance Program. *
Y	**A.** Provides or sells any controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or "look- alike" drugs. **B.** Knowingly provides a residence, place, location or space where any controlled substances, drugs paraphernalia or "look-alike" drugs are present, organizes said activity or hosts it.	First Offense - one calendar year or entire season and 20 hrs. community service. Second Offense - remaining high school or one calendar year and 40 hrs. community service. In addition to the above penalty, students will be involved in the Student Assistance Program.
Z	**A.** Commits any acts of willful, persistent, disruptive behavior or any act in violation of or subject to penalty under Wisconsin State Statutes or any local ordinance. **B.** Commits any acts of willful, persistent, disruptive behavior or any act in violation of or subject to penalty under the Sheboygan Area School District policies, administrative rules, or school rules. **C.** Commits or participates in acts of vandalism at a district school or at schools with whom we compete. **D.** Commits or participates in acts of theft involving the property of the school district or schools with whom we complete. **E.** Engages in conduct which brings discredit upon or harms the reputation of the student, his or her team or activity, school, or the school district, or which subjects any of these persons or entities to public ridicule. --- **F.** Knowingly provides a residence, place, location or space where alcohol or malt beverages are consumed, organizes said activity or hosts it. **G.** Provides or sells alcohol or malt beverages. --- **H**. If an individual is found delinquent or convicted of an offense that under the adult criminal code is classified as a felony.	The administration and coach/advisory reserve the right to impose a penalty as deemed appropriate to the severity of the infraction. The two high schools will maintain a file listing the violation and penalty so as to facilitate uniformity. A student who is released from incarceration (under the Huber Law or electronic monitoring program or any other program that releases a student from incarceration to attend school) may not participate in student activities, which are subject to regulation under the Student Activity Code. When a student is released fromhis/her incarceration, he/she will not be eligible to participate in an activity until the next full season begins. In addition to the above penalty, students will be involved in the Student Assistance Program. --- Follow sequence of X penalties --- First offense - one calendar year Second offense - remaining high school career

A. These expectations will be in written form, spell out penalties and will be discussed with the students and signed by the student and parent/guardian.

1. These expectations will be reviewed with and approved by the activity's director prior to the start of the season.

1. Violation of these violations will be handled by the head coach or advisor with the decisions being forwarded to the activity's director.

1. Penalties established by the coach or advisor may not exceed penalties established in this handbook.

B. The following items are specific topics which each head coach or advisor shall include in their expectations. Other areas may be added at the discretion of the coach or advisor:

1. The use of profane or abusive language, and the use of inappropriate gestures.

1. The tardiness to practice or a contest, and the absence from a practice or contest both with approval or unexcused.

1. The appearance and grooming, and the proper dress or attire for travel.

2. The practice schedules for vacations and Saturdays and the training hours.

3. The holding of a job during that season.

4. The requirements for earning a letter.

C. Prior to the imposition of any penalty, the student/athlete shall have the opportunity to present his/her side of the story to the coach.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following high school activities are approved by the Sheboygan Area School District Board of Education:

CATEGORY A

The following activities and interscholastic sports fall under the policies, rules and expectations of the SASD. Students who take part in these activities are required to pay the SASD Participation Fee.

Interscholastic Men	Interscholastic Women	Co-ed Activities
Baseball	Softball	Dance Team
Basketball Cross Country Golf	Basketball Cross Country Golf	Cheerleading Debate Forensics
Tennis Track Soccer	Tennis Track Soccer	
Swimming Football Volleyball Wrestling	Swimming Volleyball Gymnastics Wrestling	
Hockey	Hockey	

CATEGORY B

The following activities are both curricular and co-curricular in nature, as well as service-oriented in some cases, and thus do not fall under the guidelines mentioned in this policy and rule, nor pay a participation fee. However, it is expected that students involved in these activities will follow the intent and spirit of these guidelines. Advisors, directors and coaches will use this, giving particular attention to Item I in Unacceptable Conduct, as a guideline to develop expectations as well as consequences appropriate to their activity.

Performance/Competitive Activities

Fall Musical (Drama)
Spring Play (Drama)
Jazz Ensemble

Activity/Service Clubs

Stage Crew
Student Council
International Club
Key Club
Other approved clubs*
*non-curricular, non-graded activities

Note: Many school courses included performance/competitive/service as part of the instructional activity. Many of these activities are curricular in nature and cannot be addressed by co-curricular guidelines. Students involved in these programs may be restricted from related activities for actions that reflect negatively on them as representatives of the school or school district.

Physical Examination Card: All students participating in interscholastic sports shall file a physical examination card properly signed by the parents and physician before taking part in tryouts or practices in an activity.

Insurance Waiver Form: As the school district does not furnish insurance coverage, all students participating in interscholastic sports, cheerleading or pom-pon squads, shall file an Insurance Waiver Form properly completed and signed before taking part in tryouts or practices in that activity. This form once properly signed and filed in the school office is valid for one school year.

Handbook Awareness Form: This Form must also be properly signed by the students and parents. Both a parent or guardian and student are required to attend an informational meeting with the activity's director prior to the start of a season.

Participation Fee: Participation fees may change from year to year. Fees are set by our district office.

Fair Notice: Any changes made in the Student Co-curricular Handbook from one school year to the next will be communicated to the parents and student participants. Written notice will be mailed to the participants home, included in the registration packet for all students, and be published in the Sheboygan Press and school newsletters. The changes go into effect after notification, about the first week in August.

Incarcerated Student: A student who is released from incarceration to attend school may not participate in co-curricular activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Community service work will be assigned by the activities director and explained to the student, parent, and coach. The activities director must approve the community service work and the timeframe for completion in advance of the start of any such work by the participant.

It is preferred that community service work will occur in the home school of the student serving the penalty. However, the activities director will *have* a list of local non-profit organizations that may be willing to provide community service work opportunities.

Failure to complete the community service component prior to the end of the season and/or recognition banquet and /or ceremony will result in the withholding of the letter, numerals and/or mascot symbol earned that season. Upon completion of the community service, the awards will be given to the student.

The participant is no longer eligible for team honors or awards during the season in which they are serving a penalty. The team awards affected are: most valuable, most improved player, captain or any other honorary team awards. This does not include conference awards.
If the community service work is not completed within the designated time-frame, the original penalty will be enforced.

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WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2026-2027 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association _____

(School)

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2026-2027 school year:**

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 students in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.

B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.

C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.

D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.

E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport for more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.

F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.

H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.

J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.

E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided, they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.

F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being Imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.

B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th grade are restricted to non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year.

D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

F. 10th or 111 grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with the first day of attendance at the new school).

G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.

I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

J. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one-member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.

L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reasons from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete, whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out-of-season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.

C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.

D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.

E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.

F. Any player who, in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school’s appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

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AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.

B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than $200; an award valued not more than $100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.

C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.

D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.

E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Non-school competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with non-school teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two non-school competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
    1. This restriction applies to normal non-school games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
    2. During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3-point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
    3. A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue non-school training and/or competition.

B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.

C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.

D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of the same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in postseason play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some postseason all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

4/2025

SHEBOYGAN
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Sheboygan Area School District does not provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school.

Since children are particularly susceptible to injuries, we encourage you to review your present health and Accident insurance program to determine if your coverage is adequate. If you do not feel your insurance is Adequate because of a deductible or co insurance clause, or if you do not have insurance, we encourage you to review the student insurance program. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. An explanation of the cost and benefits are explained on the premium envelope.

The program is underwritten by Security Life Insurance Company of America located in Minnetonka, Minnesota And administered by Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, Minnesota.

In making application for this coverage, carefully read the Voluntary Coverage information explaining the coverage.

The following instructions apply:

1. Print names, addresses and other information clearly.

2. Please enclose a check or money order made payable to - STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC. or complete the credit card payment form.

3. Print Student's name on the face of the check.

4. Detach and retain the summary of coverage and send the envelope to:

Student Assurance Services, Inc.
PO Box 196
Stillwater, MN 55082-0196

Coverage will become effective at 12:01 a.m. following the date the envelope containing the enrollment form and premium is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office but not prior to August 1.
DO NOT SEND YOUR ENVELOPE BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

5. All questions regarding the coverage should be directed to Student Assurance Services, Inc., Stillwater, Minnesota (651) 439- 7098, or toll free 1-800-328-2739.

Thank you,

Mark Boehlke
Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operational Services

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY SIGN-OFF FORM – 2026-2027

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

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School Name

_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian's Signature	Please Print Name	Date
_____	_____	_____
Student-Athlete's Signature	Please Print Name	Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.

SHEBOYGAN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ACTIVITY AGREEMENT

As a high school student within the Sheboygan Area School District (SASD), I understand that participation in any co-curricular activity within the SASD is both an honor and a privilege, which carries with it certain EXPECTATIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES.

I understand that in order to participate in any student activity within the SASD, I will be held accountable to a greater standard than that of the general school population with regard to ACADEMICS, ATTENDANCE and CONDUCT, as outlined in the Student Activities Handbook.

I further understand that this Student Activities Handbook establishes FORMAL guidelines which I must follow if I wish to participate in certain student activities and that by signing this AGREEMENT, I realize I am bound by the guidelines and policies contained therein as a Condition of Participation.

Because I will be representing my school as well as the SASD, I WILL:

- Maintain my grades.
- Comply with all policies established in the Student Activities Handbook.
- Abide by the established Attendance policy.

I WILL NOT:

- Possess, transport, consume, use, provide or sell alcoholic or malt beverages; unauthorized drugs, inhalants or controlled substances; or tobacco products.
- Knowingly attend, harbor or otherwise host an event where alcoholic beverages are being consumed by persons not of legal age or where illegal drugs are present.
- Engage, commit or participate in acts of willful, persistent disruptive behavior; vandalism; theft; criminal activities; misconduct or similar acts.

I recognize the consequence of failing to adhere to these general guidelines will affect my eligibility and /or ability to participate in co-curricular activities as outlined in the Student Activities Handbook.

In addition, I will abide by any additional team or activity rules, as specified by each coach or advisor within the scope of his/her philosophy and objectives. (Such team and activity rules will be submitted in writing, and updated as needed and approved by the activities director and/or school administration prior to the beginning of such activity.)

I accept the responsibility to match the privilege of participating, with an equal measure of responsible personal behavior. By signing this AGREEMENT. I acknowledge that the written statements above are the same as if I had made such pledge verbally under oath and that I will abide by and be bound by this AGREEMENT CONTINUOUSLY until I am no longer a student within the SASD.

Student Name (please print)	**Student's Signature**	**Date**

I understand and agree to cooperate in administering this Agreement. I further agree that my son/daughter must abide by the policies briefly stated above as well as those stated in the Student Activities Handbook. I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in such student activities under such conditions. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I accept the responsibilities and the consequences for all violations as stated within, as a condition for participation by my son/daughter in all student activities within the SASD.

Parent/Guardian Signature	**Date**