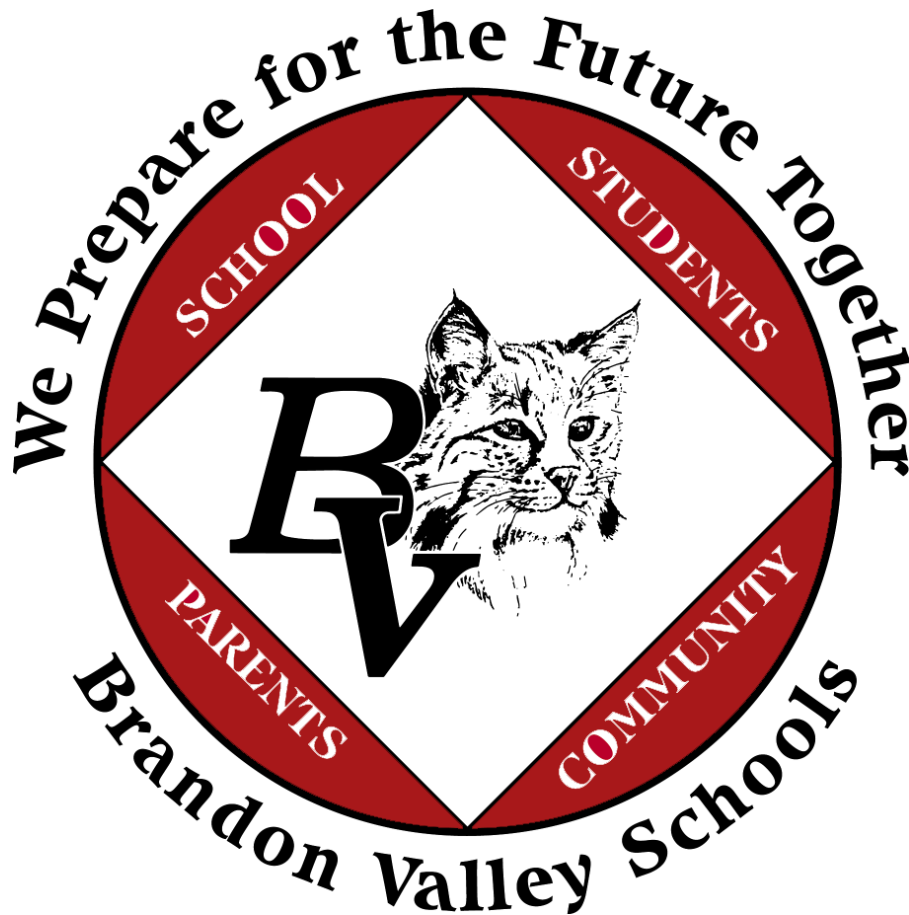


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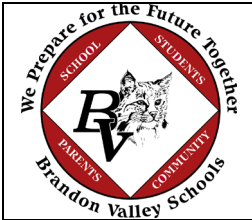
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### ACTIVITIES (7-8)

Seventh and eighth grade students have the opportunity to participate in the following. Students who are interested should be familiar with eligibility rules and contact the activity advisors for more details.

#### **Athletics**

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Football          | Girls' Cross Country (with high school) |
| Girls' Basketball | Boys' Cross Country (with high school)  |
| Boys' Basketball  | Girls' Golf (with high school)          |
| Wrestling         | Boys' Golf (with high school)           |
| Girls' Track      | Girls' Tennis (with high school)        |
| Boys' Track       | Boys' Tennis (with high school)         |
| Volleyball        | Girls' Bowling (with high school)       |
|                   | Boys' Bowling (with high school)        |

### ACTIVITIES (9-12)

Following is a list of the various activities available to the high school student. For some of the listed activities additional details are provided. Students interested in participating in any of these activities should be familiar with eligibility rules and contact the activity advisors for more details.

#### **A. Athletics**

##### 1. Sponsored Athletics

- |                      |                   |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Girls' Cross Country | Girls' Track      | Volleyball        |
| Boys' Cross Country  | Boys' Track       | Competition Cheer |
| Girls' Golf          | Girls' Basketball | Competition Dance |
| Boys' Golf           | Boys' Basketball  | Girls' Softball   |
| Girls' Tennis        | Girls' Wrestling  | Boys' Soccer      |
| Boys' Tennis         | Boys' Wrestling   | Girls' Soccer     |
| Sideline Cheer       | Football          |                   |

##### 2. Sanctioned Sports

- |                    |                     |                |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Baseball           | Boys' Bowling       | Girls' Bowling |
| Boys' Powerlifting | Girls' Powerlifting |                |

#### **B. Music**

- |               |                       |             |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Band          | Instrumental Ensemble | Accompanist |
| Jazz Band     | Instrumental Solo     | Orchestra   |
| Mixed Chorus  | Vocal Ensemble        | Vocal Solo  |
| Concert Choir |                       |             |

#### **C. Publications**

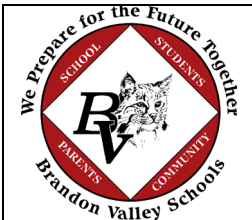
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#### **D. Speech**

- Oral Interpretation
- Extemp/Oratory/N.F.L.

#### **E. Drama**

- Fall Play/One Act/Musical



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### F. Miscellaneous

Art Club	Best Buddies	Biology Club	Cinema Club
Drama Club	F.F.A.	FCA	Hope Squad
HOSA	Mu Alpha theta - Math Club	Mentors/Tutors	Quiz Bowl
SADD	SALSA	Spanish Club	TATU
Trap Club			

### G. National Honor Society

1. Membership in the Brandon Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society will be based on scholarship, service, leadership and character.
2. Scholarship is the factor that determines if a student is eligible for possible membership. Academics or grade point alone cannot determine membership in the National Honor Society, so achieving the necessary grade point does not guarantee acceptance. Character, leadership and service are used by the faculty council to determine membership. Juniors and seniors will be admitted to candidacy for election to membership if they satisfy all the requirements. See the advisors or the principal for additional information.
3. Students who have an alcohol or drug violation, or a violation of academic integrity (cheating) during the year of selection will not be considered for membership in the National Honor Society. When appropriate those students may apply the next year provided there have been no violations for the past 12 months.
4. Current members should understand fully that they are subject to dismissal if they do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character that were used as a basis for their selection. When appropriate warnings will be provided, but in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a warning is not required for dismissal but a hearing will be held. An alcohol or drug violation, or a violation of academic integrity (cheating) are some examples of a flagrant violation.

### H. Student Council

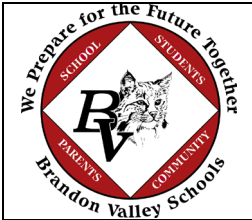
The Student Council is an organization concerned with the entire school body. The main functions of the council are to provide a means for the expression of student opinion; to uphold school customs and traditions; to promote student faculty relations; to encourage the practices of democracy and develop and promote leadership at Brandon Valley High; to help develop school spirit, student morals, and pride; to carry out worthwhile projects, and to build school leadership and participation. In the spring, the students elect officers and student council representatives for the coming school year.

## ACTIVITY HOURS

Typically, practices will not start before 6:00 a.m. or extend past 6:00 p.m. except scheduled split sessions. Early starts will be allowed with permission from the activities director.

## ACTIVITY PASSES/ADMISSION FEES

A student activity ticket may be purchased for \$35. This pass will admit students to scheduled activities hosted by the Brandon Valley School District. Activity passes will be honored for all home plays and athletic events, excluding musicals, district, regional, special events and state competitions. Adult season tickets for all home athletic events will be available for \$70.00 (not including tournaments, special events or school musicals). The price of admission to all athletic events is adults \$6.00; students \$4.00 except SDHSAA tournament play. Senior citizens (62 or older) of the Brandon Valley School District are admitted free with their Gold Card to all Brandon Valley School activities except tournaments sponsored by other organizations. Senior Citizen Gold Cards are available upon request at the District's Central Office during regular business hours.



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### **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

It is the responsibility of the head coach of each sport to determine the qualifications required to earn a letter monogram for that sport. This will usually include playing in a designated number of games; placing in major meets or earning a certain number of team points; being at practice; and remaining in the sport the entire season.

### **CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC EVENTS**

At any athletic event, spectators must conduct themselves with behavior consistent with good sportsmanship. Citizens of the Brandon Valley School District must share the responsibility, individually and as a group, for making our school the best school. School spirit is the result of all school citizens working and playing together to develop mutual courtesy, cooperation and pride. Brandon Valley will follow all rules of the ESD and Metro Conferences, SDHSAA and NFHS.

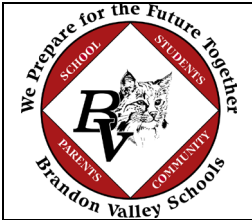
1. Students are encouraged to attend and support school sponsored activities (contests, performances, games, dances...). The following rules apply:
  - a. Proper conduct must be observed. The following is a partial (non-inclusive) list of unacceptable behavior: verbally or physically attacking any participant (coach, player, cheerleader, referee, actor, musician, judge...), spectator, or school official. Supervisors may remove immediately any student misbehaving. Activities are an extension of the classroom and as a result students removed from an activity will face the same consequences as students that are suspended during the course of a school day.
    - i. First Offense: Suspension from that activity and loss of privileges associated with a suspension and a one-week suspension from attending and/or participating in any school activity.
    - ii. Second Offense: Additional ISS day and suspension from attending and/or participating in any school activity for the remainder of the season.
    - iii. Third Offense: Additional OSS day and suspension from attending and/or participating in any school activity for the remainder of the school year.
  - a. Faculty members, their escorts, wives, or husbands, school board members, their escorts, wives, or husbands, and parents are welcome to attend all school activities provided they abide by school rules.

### **CURFEW**

The incorporated towns within our school district have established curfews. These communities cooperate with the school district in extending that curfew 1/2 hour beyond the ending time of a school activity. Students are expected to cooperate with these city ordinances. Students who drive are expected to follow rules of their permit.

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

1. To be eligible to participate in any school event or activity, a student must be enrolled in at least (5) five full credit subjects per semester and must have passed four (4) full credit subjects the preceding semester. This is in compliance with the South Dakota High School Activities Association rules.
2. Students are limited to participation in only one sponsored athletic activity at any one time.
3. Students who participate in an athletic activity and a fine art activity may encounter conflicting schedules. When any two events are scheduled at the same time, a student/parent must decide as to which activity he/she shall participate in. This decision shall be in writing and given to the activities director on the Activities Conflict form provided by the Activities Office.
  - Only varsity athletes have this choice. Sub-varsity athletes must attend the varsity fine arts competition.
  - A student scheduled to compete in a conference tournament, state qualifying, or state final event will attend that event over a regular season competition or performance.



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- A student scheduled for a competition, at any level, will attend that event over a practice or performance.
  - A student involved in a school sponsored activity and a sanctioned activity must participate in school sponsored activity when there is a schedule conflict.
  - Requests by parents to transport their child between conflicting events will be granted with a written request submitted to the Activities Director at least 24 hours in advance.
  - Coaches and directors may discuss a unique student conflict situation and make arrangements prior to the start of the conflicting season. Notification must be made to all parties and the Activities Director. (Example: School Plays – Dress Rehearsals and Non-Official Performances)
4. Non-High School Participation: A student in middle school may be considered at the high school level except in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cheer, dance, football, soccer, softball and volleyball. The coach/activities director will notify parents before an athlete's invitation to compete at the high school level. Any movement of a student from middle school to the high school level must be done with the knowledge and permission of the activities director.

### **EQUIPMENT**

It is the student athlete's responsibility to:

1. Take proper care of all personal equipment on loan or equipment used by the team. Lockers should be locked at all times.
2. Return all borrowed equipment at the proper time and place, as designated by the head coach. All equipment must be clean and free from unusual wear.
3. Missing equipment shall be paid for by the student at the replacement cost value. A receipt will be issued to the athlete and a copy will be retained in the activities director's office.
4. If the above criteria are not satisfied, the student athlete will not receive an athletic award or be eligible for further participation in any activity, until such equipment has been paid for or returned.

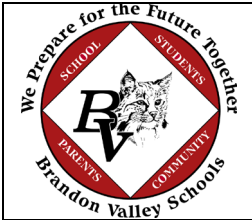
### **FUND RAISING PROJECTS**

Fundraising projects for school-sponsored and school-related activities must be approved in writing in advance by the sponsoring organization advisor, the supervising administrator, and the superintendent. The advisor must meet with the district Business Office personnel before fundraising activities commence to assure compliance with South Dakota sales tax and other requirements. All expenditures by a school organization must use district purchasing procedures. All monies collected by a school organization are school funds and must be deposited in the school activity account. The school accepts no responsibility for items or money lost or missing related to any school or non-school related fundraising.

Students involved in approved fundraising activities or fundraising activities that are non-school related are not allowed to solicit school employees at school.

### **HIGH SCHOOL SONG (NOTRE DAME VICTORY MARCH)**

Brandon Valley we are the best,  
We stand up strong when put to the test.  
We've got spirit, we've got pride,  
We've got the power on our side. Call out a victory, defeat our foe,  
Defend our glory, meet every goal.  
We know how to win the game, and proudly proclaim our name.  
(Words adopted 1983 by students of Brandon Valley High School)



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### **INSURANCE**

The school is not responsible, nor will it carry insurance on any student involved in activities. However, the school does have insurance that may be purchased for the student's activity participation.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Students involved in sponsored or sanctioned athletics and marching band are eligible to participate in practices only after all required forms are completed and on file in the Activities Director's Office. Parents and students must complete annually the SDHSAA (South Dakota High School Activities Association) Physical Examination Form, the Pre-Participation History form, the Parent and Student Consent Form, the Consent for Medical Treatment, HIPPA, and Concussion Forms. Student athletic physicals are to be conducted by an SDHSAA allowable licensed medical personnel every year (unless a serious injury requires an updated physical) and the physician must complete the BVSD Physical Examination form which is available in the principal's office. Annual Physicals must be completed after April 1 to be valid for the ensuing school year.

### **SANCTIONED/SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

Brandon Valley High School both sanctions and sponsors activities for students at the 9-12 grade levels. The following definitions are intended to make the distinction between these two areas clear.

#### **SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES**

This term applies to those activities that the Brandon Valley School District recognizes for the purpose of name use, providing for use of school district awards, and the recording of the activity on student transcripts.

The organization of these activities is almost entirely outside of the district's responsibility. Funding, scheduling, coaching, and other responsibilities are assumed by each of the activities' leadership. All school rules for participation are in effect, which include, but not limited to: athlete must meet physical examination requirements, athlete must meet academic eligibility requirements, and athlete must meet student conduct activities rules requirements.

Not all privileges provided to sponsored activities are granted for sanctioned activities.

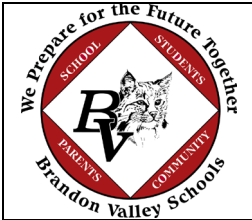
#### **SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

This term applies to all activities that are fully funded and controlled as a part of the Brandon Valley School District curricular and extra-curricular program.

A complete list of sanctioned and sponsored activities can be found on ACTIVITIES (7-8) and ACTIVITIES (9-12) pages.

### **SCHOOL-SHARED EXPENSES**

1. The school district will pay total cost of school-approved lodging for school-supervised students participating in those school-sponsored activities which require such arrangements. Spectators would be excluded.
2. For any activity requiring students to stay overnight, meal allowance will be paid by the school district. The following rates will be followed: Breakfast-\$4.00; Noon Meal-\$5.00; Evening Meal-\$6.00.
3. Any non-SDHSAA/Brandon Valley sponsored activity requiring attendance at the regional, state or national level will be paid by the student(s). In case of regional and state events under the SDHSAA, expenses for overnight will be paid according to policy. Fund raising activities and/or sponsorship to help defray cost will be allowed upon approval of the Superintendent or his designee.
4. In any other instances, the decision as to whether or not meal payments will be made is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.



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### **SDHSAA MEMBERSHIP**

The Brandon Valley School District retains an active membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association, and in doing so, approves and abides by the constitution. Bylaws can be found in the offices of the Superintendent of schools, the building principal, and at SDHSAA.com.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION**

Students participating in athletic events or any out of town activity will ride the bus to and from the activity. In special circumstances, any special arrangements must be made at least one day prior to the activity. After signing a release form after the activity is concluded and giving it to the coach, the parent may transport their student home from the activity. No other student will be dismissed. Please be aware of the policy of the coach of that activity for student travel.

### **STUDENT CONDUCT ACTIVITIES RULES (Grades 7-12) - ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, VAPING DEVICES, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

During the entire calendar year, including the season of practice and the off-season, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or vaping devices. Controlled substances will also be governed by SDCL 13-32-9, 9.1, 9.2, 22-42, and 22-42-15. The Brandon Valley School District retains an active membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association, and in doing so, approves and abides by the constitution. Bylaws can be found in the offices of the Superintendent of schools and the building principal.

1. First Violation

After notification or admission of the first violation, the student shall be suspended from participation in all student activity events for fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days or two student activity events, whichever is greater. Penalty will not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled events in any one student activity. Weeks of practice, which are absent of competition/performance, cannot be counted. If the activity is competitive, non-competitive events during the suspension will not count towards the suspension.

2. Second Violation

After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall be suspended from participation in all student activity events for 28 consecutive calendar days, or four student activity events, whichever is greater. Weeks of practice, which are absent of competition/ performance, cannot be counted. If the activity is competitive, non-competitive events during the suspension will not count towards the suspension.

3. Third Violation

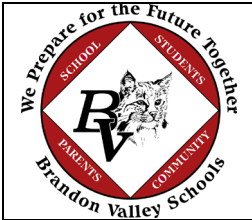
After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for one full year from the date of the violation.

It is mandatory that before being readmitted to activities following suspension for a third violation, the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

4. Considerations

- a. E-Cigarettes or vaping devices, in any form, will be considered a tobacco violation.
- b. Rules are in effect for the entire calendar year.
- c. Violations are cumulative throughout the entire school career (grades 9-12).
- d. Practice weeks, in which no contests/performances are scheduled, cannot be counted as penalty weeks. If the activity is competitive, non-competitive events during the suspension will not count towards the suspension.
- e. Scrimmages and public rehearsals will not count towards penalty reduction. Participation in these types of activities will be at the discretion of the coach and activities director.
- f. Violations carry over from one activity to the next or from one school year to the next. If the violation occurs during the off-season, the suspension will be invoked at the beginning of the next activity season in which the student shall participate or the next school year.

Example: First violation occurs during the off-season in the spring. The suspension will be enforced during the first activity season the student shall participate in beginning the next school year. If the season does not allow the athlete to successfully complete the suspension, the suspension will carry over to the next season in which the student participates and competes/performs. For the suspension to be fulfilled, the student must complete the



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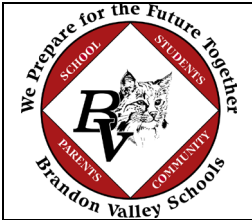
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- activity season in which the suspension is being carried out.
- g. It will be at the discretion of the coach/activities director as to whether the individual would practice during the suspension. Also, at the discretion of the coach/activities director, the individual will be eligible to attend the event(s). The individual would, in no way, be able to participate in the activity. A student may not practice or attend any team events during a suspension for the third violation.
  - h. Suspensions may include more than one activity depending upon the time of the violation.
  - i. Any student beginning at Brandon Valley Schools will be subject to these rules upon enrollment in school. Further, any student ineligible, due to an activities violation at the former school, will have that suspension served according to Brandon Valley Activities Rules.
  - j. Suspension length for each specific activity will be determined by using the SDHSAA allowable contests formula. One contest in the formula will count as one event of the suspension. Example: A basketball game is one contest. A wrestling triangular is one contest.
5. Reporting
- a. The above rules apply if the report is made and substantiated by a Brandon Valley public schools staff member, legal authorities, parent(s) of the individual involved, or the individual's voluntary admission.
  - b. A student who violates the terms of the activities rules, and is cited by law enforcement, shall inform school officials of the violation by the end of the next school day and serve the required suspension. If the student is found to be in violation, without notification to school officials, the student may be dismissed from that activity for the remainder of the season.
6. Controlled Substance

### **SDCL 13-32-9 SUSPENSION FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS.**

**13-32-9.** Suspension from extracurricular activities for controlled substances violation--Unified Judicial System to give certain notices. Any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one-year suspension may be reduced to thirty calendar days if the person participates in an assessment with a certified or licensed addiction counselor. **If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.** Upon a second adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of a sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances, or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substance as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one year suspension may be reduced to sixty calendar days if the person completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. Upon a third or subsequent adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile court proceeding, the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity. The Unified Judicial System shall give notice to the chief administrators of secondary schools accredited by the Department of Education for any such determination in a court proceeding for any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age without regard to current status in school or involvement in extracurricular activities. The notice shall include name, date of birth, city of residence, and offense. The chief administrator shall give notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association if any such person is participating in extracurricular activities. Upon placement of the person in an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, the state's attorney who placed the person in that program shall give notice of that placement to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity.

As used in this section, the term, extracurricular activity, means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association and/or the Brandon Valley School District. Students are ineligible to participate in



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activity events, competitions, and performances, but a local school district may allow a student to participate in practices.

**13-32-9.1.** Consequences imposed by local school districts. No local school board may impose a lesser consequence than those established in § 13-32-9, but a local school district may adopt a policy, by local school board action, with more strict consequences to meet the needs of the district.

**Source:** SL 2014, ch 88, § 2.

**13-32-9.2.** Reduced suspensions--Commencement of suspension. If a suspension is reduced pursuant to § 13-32-9, a suspension for a first offense shall make the student ineligible for a minimum of (four) South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period. If a suspension is reduced pursuant to § 13-32-9, a suspension for a second offense shall make the student ineligible for a minimum of (eight) South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period. To count toward the minimum number of events the student must participate in the entire activity season and may not drop out or quit the activity to avoid suspension and the failure of a student to complete the entire activity season shall result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, the subject of an internal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one activity season shall carry over to the next activity season in which the student participates.

A suspension begins on:

1. The day following the notification to a school administrator by the Unified Judicial System that a student has been adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of a sentence or a suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances, or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substance prohibited by § 22-42-15 and the school administrator gives notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the students; or
2. The day following the student's admission to a school administrator that the student committed an offense enumerated in subdivision (1), which shall be made with the student's parent or guardian present if the student is an unemancipated minor, and the school administrator gives notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association. An Act to revise the minimum suspension requirements for students participating in extracurricular activities.

**Source:** SL 2014, ch 88, § 3.

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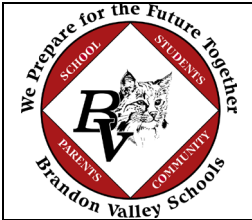
### 7. Activities

#### Athletics:

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| Baseball (sanctioned only)              | Boys or Girls Soccer    |
| Boys or Girls Basketball                | Boys or Girls Tennis    |
| Boys or Girls Bowling (sanctioned only) | Boys or Girls Track     |
| Competition and Sideline Cheer          | Volleyball              |
| Boys or Girls Cross Country             | Boys or Girls Wrestling |
| Competition Dance Team                  | Boys or Girls Golf      |
| Girls Softball                          | Football                |
| Boys or Girls Powerlifting              |                         |

#### Activities:

- Band (any combination of pep band, marching band, jazz band, symphonic band, musical pit band, competition bands)
- Drama/Speech (any combination of One Act Play, Oral Interp, Fall Play, Musical)
- Orchestra
- Vocal Music (any combination of Mixed Choir, Concert Choir, Musical, Competition Choir)
- Other: Including, but not limited to: National Honor Society, Homecoming Royalty, Student Government
- And any other student activity - henceforth defined as a public presentation, performance, competition, trip or school sponsored/sanctioned event.



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### STUDENT CONDUCT ACTIVITY RULES - ATTENDANCE

Brandon Valley School District believes an important consideration in the training of a student is regular attendance at all scheduled **practices, contests and performances**. Therefore, the student is expected to attend all practices and contests or performances.

- A. AN EXCUSED ABSENCE is defined as:
  1. Illness
  2. Medical appointments
  3. School activities
  4. Family emergencies
- B. Absence for the convenience of the family, requested by the parent, may be granted by the activities director, when there is an understanding between the activities director, the coach/advisor, the student, and the parent making the request. Such a request, and the response, must be made in writing, at least one week in advance of the absence, in order for that absence to be considered excused. **A student will sit out a minimum of one contest date or performance upon a return from such absence. Depending upon the length of the absence and number of days missed, a coach or director may require a longer time out of contests or performances. This decision shall be part of the communication at the time of the absence request.**
- C. AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. If a student's absence(s) is deemed to be unexcused, the coach/advisor shall notify the parent/guardian of the absence and the penalty, within two days following the absence. The coach/advisor shall also send written notification to the activities director that the parent/guardian contact has been made, with notification to include absence date and penalty.
  1. First Violation: The student will not be allowed to participate in the next contest or performance.
  2. Second Violation: Student may be dismissed from that activity for that season and shall not be eligible for awards.
- D. In order to participate in an extracurricular activity, a student must be in class three consecutive periods prior to dismissal time on the day of that activity unless approved by the activities director or principal.

All other rules or regulations adopted by the head coach and approved by the Activities Director, which in or of themselves are not basis for a suspension or dismissal, shall be followed provided participants are notified of such rules and regulations by written handout or posting on bulletin boards at least two weeks prior to the beginning of that rule/regulation.

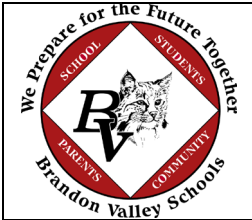
### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

#### Student Code of Responsibilities

- A. Participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege which is accompanied by responsibility. As a student participating in BVHS sponsored and recognized activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:
  - A. I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
  - B. I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.
  - C. I will respect the rights and property of others.
  - D. I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.
  - E. I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and country.
- B. Penalty

A student who is dismissed from school or who violates the Student Code of Responsibilities is not in good standing and may be ineligible for a period of time as determined by the school principal acting on the authority of the local board of education. Certain conduct may require penalties that exceed those penalties typically imposed for violations per BVHS and SDHSAA policies.

- When a student is suspended from school the student is not in good standing and cannot begin to serve the co-curricular participation penalty until the student has completed the suspension from school and is returned to good standing.
- When a student is deemed academically ineligible for a specific period, any conduct violation suspension may not start until the academic ineligibility period has been served and the student returned to good standing.



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### **STUDENT DUE PROCESS POLICY**

In the event that it becomes necessary to consider action for an alleged violation of a training rule:

- A. The activities director has an obligation to the student/athlete to discuss the alleged violation and to allow the student/athlete to explain his/her position.
- B. If further action becomes necessary, the activities director shall file a written charge with a copy sent to the student/athlete's parents, if possible, no later than the end of the school day following the day of the discovery of the alleged violation. At the time the student is notified in writing of the alleged violation, the activities director shall also inform the student of the school district's "due process" procedures.

### **STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES**

In the event that the student/athlete or parent requests a hearing, the activities director shall:

1. Designate the time, date and place for the hearing, reasonable to both parties.
2. Inform the parent and/or student/athlete that the student will be temporarily suspended from participating or practicing in the activity, until such time that the hearing has been held.
3. The activities director shall conduct the hearing in such a manner that the accused student and parent will have an opportunity to review the alleged violations of policy and ask questions appropriate to the situation. At the same time, the same courtesies will be extended to the activities director.
4. The disposition of the alleged violation will be made by the activities director.
5. A decision adverse to the student may be appealed to the Principal of the school that the student attends. If further appeal is requested, the appeal is made to the Superintendent of Schools and then the School Board.
6. All appeals must be made in writing and include the rule, policy or law that has been violated.

### **STUDENT SPECTATOR TRANSPORTATION**

- A. All school district bus rules will be in effect.
- B. For athletic contests:
  1. There will be a charge based on distance and time of travel.
  2. A minimum of 25 paid riders will be necessary before arrangements will be made for a spectator bus.
  3. Only students in grades nine through twelve are permitted.
  4. The bus leaves for home immediately after the game.
  5. On activity trips over 60 miles, food will be allowed. On other activity trips, food will only be allowed if there is not time for an adequate stop.

### **WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

There are to be no school activities scheduled on Wednesday evenings after 6:15 and no required practice or rehearsals scheduled on Sundays. Only state sanctioned events will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings or Sundays. Only formal concerts and plays will be scheduled on Sundays.

### **WINTER WEATHER POLICY**

In the event school starts late due to inclement weather, there will be no morning activities practices/open gyms that day. If school is dismissed early for inclement weather, there will be no after school activities practices/open gyms that day. If school is cancelled for the day due to weather, there will be no activities practices/ open gyms that day.