

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

The Board believes that students benefit from the experiences made possible through participation in interscholastic activities. Learning how to deal with success and failure, developing self-discipline, experiencing the successes of teamwork, and developing physical skills are some of the benefits which can come from these programs.

All interscholastic programs will require Board approval and will operate under the supervision of the activities director, building level principal and the superintendent. Qualified personnel will be assigned to supervise and coach the various activities as needed.

Membership of the district or an individual school in an interscholastic activity association or league will be subject to approval by the Board. The Board will review the constitution and bylaws of any such organization, and its rules and regulations for member teams, before granting approval.

It is the practice of the Board to maintain membership for the district schools in the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA), Eastern South Dakota (ESD) Athletic Conference, and Metro Athletic conference (MAC). In the conduct of interscholastic activity programs, the rules, regulations, and limitations outlined by those associations will be followed.

Eligibility requirements for participating in activity programs will be set by the school administration with the approval of the Board and will conform with regulations of the SDHSAA. They will include the requirements that a student have the written permission of his/her parent or guardian to participate and will have been determined as physically fit for the activity by his/her personal physician.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

FOOTBALL

Varsity & Jr. Varsity
9th Grade
8th Grade
7th Grade

COMPETITION CHEER & SIDELINE CHEER

HS

CROSS COUNTRY

HS & MS
Boys & Girls

WRESTLING

Varsity & Jr. Varsity
7th & 8th Grade

SOFTBALL

Varsity & Jr. Varsity

GOLF

HS & MS
Boys & Girls

TRACK

HS & MS
Boys & Girls

COMPETITION DANCE

HS

TENNIS

HS & MS
Boys & Girls

GIRLS BB

Varsity & Jr. Varsity
 Sophomores
 9th Grade
 8th Grade
 7th Grade

VOLLEBALL

Varsity & Jr. Varsity
 Sophomores
 9th Grade
 8th Grade
 7th Grade

BOYS BB

Varsity & Jr. Varsity
 Sophomores
 9th Grade
 8th Grade
 7th Grade

SOCCER

Varsity and Jr. Varsity
 Boys & Girls

BASEBALL (Sanctioned)

Varsity and Jr. Varsity
 Sophomores
 9th Grade

Bowling (Sanctioned)

HS & MS
 Boys & Girls

ACTIVITIES

- Band (Jazz Band, Large Group/Ensemble/Solo Marching Band, Musical Pit Band/Orchestra Pep Band, Symphonic Band)
- Drama/Speech (Fall Play, Musical, One-Act Play, Oral Interpretation)
- Orchestra (Large Group/Ensemble/Solo, Musical Pit Band/Orchestra)
- Vocal Music (Concert Choir, Large Group/Ensemble/Solo, Mixed Choir, Musical,)
- Other: Including, but not limited to: FFA, HOSA, National Honor Society, Student Government

ACTIVITIES RULES

In order to assure a high quality of student athletic performance, the Brandon Valley Board of Education has developed the following guidelines for those young people who wish to participate in school sponsored athletic activities. The purpose of these guidelines are to:

1. Insure proper school conduct both at home and away from school.
2. To help young people to develop a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, competitiveness, and to teach self-discipline.
3. Encourage young people to work as a team and develop pride and ownership toward that team and school.
4. Assist young people in developing good physical fitness habits and to create an awareness, both as a participant and as a spectator, in athletics as a lifetime activity.

In addition, the sports programs will assist young people in building self-confidence and in the development of new skills.

CONCUSSIONS

In order to address the critical issue of concussions, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has drafted the following language and made it a part of every sport rule book publication:

“Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.”

The U.S. Department of Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published the following lists of signs, symptoms and behaviors that are consistent with a concussion:

Signs Observed By Others

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Cannot recall events prior to hit
- Cannot recall events after hit

Symptoms Reported By Athlete

- Headache
- Nausea
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion

Any student athlete exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion as listed above shall be immediately removed from the game or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by a medical doctor as documented on the Return to Competition Following Concussion form.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. To be eligible to participate in any school event or activity, a student 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 make a decision 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.
 - 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 activity 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 competition in any sport, until such equipment has been paid for or returned.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Students involved in sponsored or sanction athletics and marching band are not eligible to participate in practices until 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, 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 entire ensuing school year.

STUDENT CONDUCT ACTIVITIES RULES (Grades 7-12) - ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, 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 or e-cigarettes. 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. Rules are in effect for the entire calendar year.
- b. Violations are cumulative throughout the entire school career (grades 9-12).
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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 activity season in which the suspension is being carried out.

- f. 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.

- g. Suspensions may include more than one activity depending upon the time of the violation.
- h. 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 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 informal 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:

- A. 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
- B. 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

<u>Athletics:</u> 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
Cross Country	Wrestling
Competition Dance Team	Boys or Girls Golf
Girls Fast-Pitch Softball	Football

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.

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 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 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 canceled for the day due to weather, there will be no activities practices/open gyms that day.

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