

PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

The Brandon Valley School District will permit resident alternative instruction students to participate in activities.

Nothing in this policy confers any vested right in any alternative instruction student wishing to participate in an interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity.

A student in middle school may be considered at the high school level except in the following sports: basketball, football and volleyball or as limited in a club sport agreement.

Further, as a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER 1, PART IV – *Student Eligibility*– and CHAPTER II, PART I – *Further Eligibility for Athletic Contests* – of the *SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students*. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually.
2. Provide documentation for the *Application for Public School Exemption Certificate Request* (SDCL 13-27-3).
3. Comply with all of the school district’s eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities, including all academic requirements. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per the school district’s administrative policy following the same procedure used to accept credits toward graduation when an alternative instruction student requests a transfer to the school district.
4. Any student, who was unable to maintain academic eligibility in an accredited school, shall be ineligible to participate as an alternative instruction student for a period of one (1) year. After one year, the student may regain eligibility per the school district’s administrative policy.
5. Satisfy the responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as expected of other student participants as a condition for both the initial acceptance and continued membership in the activity, including but not limited to:
 - a. All school district training rules and codes of conduct will be applicable.
 - b. In order to be eligible to audition for and participate in a Region Music Contest, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band, the student must currently be enrolled and attending the school district’s parallel musical organization, i.e., vocal music, band, orchestra. This rule is identical to the rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.

- c. A student who is a member of a high school team may not participate in games, practice tryouts, etc., in that particular sport during the same season on an independent or non-high school team or as a member of any "all-star" team, or completely unattached on an individual basis. This rule is identical to the rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.
 - d. All references to calendar shall refer to the school district's calendar.
6. Non-resident alternative instruction students may apply for open enrollment for the purpose of participating in activities. Policy JECB-R (Administrative Regulation – Criteria for Open Enrollment Recommendations) will be utilized to determine approval or denial of the application.

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