

PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

The Brandon Valley School District will permit alternative instruction students in grades 6-8 to participate in middle school extracurricular activities, and will permit alternative instruction students in grades 9-12 to participate in interscholastic 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.

As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in, and attend a minimum of two (2) academic class periods per day at Brandon Valley High School, and maintain passing grades in both classes. The classes attended by the alternative instruction student must be classes that grant academic credit. On the day of participation in any interscholastic competition, the alternative instruction student must have attended both class periods that day in order to be eligible to compete in the contest.

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. As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student enrolled in grades 7-8, who wishes to compete or is invited to compete in an individual interscholastic activity at the high school level must attend a minimum of two (2) academic class periods per day at Brandon Valley Middle School, and maintain passing grades in both classes. The classes attended by the alternative instruction student must be classes that are graded. On the day of participation in any interscholastic competition, the alternative instruction student must have attended both class periods that day to be eligible to compete in the contest.

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) and nationally standardized achievement tests in grades tested under the state testing program. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually.

3. Comply with all of the school district's eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities, including all academic requirements. Attendance requirements will apply as outlined above. 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. A student who leaves an accredited school for any reason to enter an alternative instruction program shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program.

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