

CO-CURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS

- I. The board of education shall provide a variety of co-curricular and interscholastic programs, the purpose of which may be both educational and recreational. It is recognized that well organized and implemented co-curricular programs can have a positive influence on the morale of the student body and serves as an important vehicle for good school and community relations. Programs should be conducted with the best interests of the participants as the primary consideration at all times.
- II. Programs shall encourage equal participation by as many students as possible. Student participation may be limited by individual abilities and/or interests, the nature of activity and/or team concepts, but not by any criteria explicitly prohibited by federal and state discriminatory statutes.
- III. Only qualified personnel shall be provided for instruction, coaching and supervision of co-curricular activities.
- IV. Conditions.
 - A. The co-curricular and interscholastic programs are an integral part of the school curriculum and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as do all other phases of the curriculum. Activity participation should not detract from academic achievement.
 - B. Freshman students must have a current semester grade point average of 1.5 or better for the previous semester to be eligible for any co-curricular or interscholastic activity unless the student's eligibility requirements are modified through an Individual Education Plan or 504 plan.
 - C. Sophomore students must have a current semester grade point average of 1.6 or better for the previous semester to be eligible for any co-curricular or interscholastic activity unless the student's eligibility requirements are modified through an Individual Education Plan or 504 plan.
 - D. Junior students must have a current semester grade point average of 1.8 or better for the previous semester to be eligible for any co-curricular or interscholastic activity unless the student's eligibility requirements are modified through an Individual Education Plan or 504 plan.
 - E. Senior students must have a current semester grade point average of 2.0 or better for the previous semester to be eligible for any co-curricular or interscholastic activity to be eligible unless the student's eligibility requirements are modified through an Individual Education Plan or 504 plan.

- F. Students who fail to meet the current semester grade point average requirement will have a probationary period for the following semester in which they will remain eligible providing the student attends a supervised study period each day the student is in attendance for the semester.
- G. Students in grades 9-12 will also meet the eligibility requirements established by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA).
- H. Seventh or eighth grade students competing at the high school level must meet the same requirements as the ninth grade students.
- I. Homeschoolers residing in Rapid City Area Schools boundaries may participate in all co-curricular and interscholastic programs offered through the schools. Homeschoolers will verify through their parent or agent that they have met the conditions listed in A through H of this policy by a letter to the respective activities director that they have satisfied the requirements prescribed in A through H of this policy prior to the beginning of the activity.
- J. Homeschoolers must provide a certificate of immunization as prescribed in policy JECF prior to participation in any co-curricular or interscholastic program offered through the schools.
- K. While maintaining membership in the SDHSAA, the district will conduct all SDHSAA activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SDHSAA.

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