

SIoux VALLEY ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Students must meet grade requirements as set forth by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA handbook – passing 4 courses (2.0 credit hours) the previous semester, has not reached their 20th birthday, etc.).
2. Students must maintain a D- average in each individual class. Grades will be checked every two week period to determine eligibility.
The students and teachers will be made aware of the dates for grade submission prior to the beginning of each quarter.
3. Procedure for administering the academic eligibility program:
 - A phone call will be made to the parent and a letter will be sent home each time a student is determined to be academically ineligible.
 - The Athletic Director will contact the student and the Head Coach/Advisor concerning student-athletes/participants who are on this list.
 - Once a student raises their grade to all passing levels and notification has been given from the teacher to the principal or athletic director, the student is immediately eligible.
 - The affected students will then follow the phases listed below as a consequence: (Students would move to the next phase if still ineligible after consecutive failing grade checks)
 - A. **PHASE ONE:** the student will receive a one time (per semester) probation period. The student will continue to practice and compete.
 - B. **PHASE TWO:** the student must practice but may not compete until the grade is raised to a D- average.
 - C. **PHASE THREE:** the student may not practice or participate until the grade is raised to a D- average.
 - In the event, a student has two or more failing grades at any scheduled grade check, they will immediately be on phase three and will return to phase two when having only one failing grade.
 - **The administration will make eligibility decision on students with special circumstances.**

SDCL 13-32-9

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. Students are ineligible to participate in activity events, competitions, and performances, but a local school district may allow a student to participate in practices. Section 2. 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. Section 3. 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 two 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 six 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 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.

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Students participating in school activities are required to conduct themselves with respect for self and others through their actions, language, and dress. Students who choose to participate in school activities represent their community and school at public events and performances. Student activity participants are expected to demonstrate behavior that reflects positively on the individual, the school, and the community all year round.

Activity Rules

DEFINITIONS

1. School Activities: School Activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, fine arts groups, school-sponsored organizations and cheerleading and any other school-sponsored activities including FFA, FCCLA, theater productions, school dances, Student Council activities, etc.

2. School Activity Event: A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school sponsored activity.

3. School Administration: School Administration shall be the superintendent, principal, and athletic director.

ACTIVITY RULES DISCIPLINE PLAN

Student participation in school activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who choose to participate in school activities are expected to exemplify high standards of behavior and positively represent Sioux Valley school and the community and to bring credit rather than discredit to the school whose programs makes such participation possible.

Any middle school or high school student wishing to participate in school activities shall not possess, buy, sell, dispense, or use tobacco; a controlled mood-altering substance, such as steroids, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol and other drugs; or commit any crime against a person or against property.

These activity rules will be enforced the entire year, which includes the summer months, regardless of whether or not the student is participating in an activity at the time. A student who violates these regulations shall be ineligible to participate according to the activity rules listed below.

Missing Practice/Competitions:

Athletes at Sioux Valley Schools should be aware that playing a school sport requires a substantial commitment. However, it will be allowed for athletes to be involved other activities outside the school ones (e.g. club sports, music/dance lessons, cheer, mission trips, or similar activities.) Athletes should plan to make the school activity the top priority. Sioux Valley Schools require that in the event there is a conflict between the two, the athlete and their parents need to communicate ahead of time with the coach and he or she will make the decision as to what course of action will be allowed. During the season, alternative practice sessions may be arranged if approved by the coaches.

If communication and approval occurs prior to a contest, an athlete may miss one contest without a penalty in a respective sport season as a result of attending non-school activities as stated above. This absence will be considered an unexcused absence and reported to the Activities Director by the Head Coach. A second unexcused absence from a competition of school-sponsored activity will result in a one game suspension and a meeting with the athlete, parent, Head Coach and the Activities Director. In addition, conference meets/tournaments and post season events are to be attended by all athletes. An absence due to personal, family illness, emergency or other school event shall be considered excused. The Activities Director will be made aware of all such situations by the coaching staff and will have the final determination on the status of any excused or unexcused absences which are in question.

1. The following activity rules apply for all students participating in school activities whether the offense occurs in a school, on school property, in district vehicles or buses, at district events, or away

from district property. The Activity Rules Discipline Plan applies to all students participating in athletics and cheerleading and other activities included in the school activities definition.

2. Consequences: Violations shall accumulate for four years in high school (grades 9-12). Middle school students participating in any high school activities shall have violations accumulate for the number of years they participate in high school activities. Once a Middle School student participates in a varsity sport, they will be considered to have a varsity status from that point on. Violations for middle school (grades 6-8) shall be for one year. If they are in the process of serving a one year suspension, they must complete that year of suspension before eligibility will be restored.

- The suspension period for an activity rules violation begins on the date of the next school activity event in which the student is involved and the season must be completed (practices, events, etc.) for the suspension to be served.

- The following consequences are minimums only. The actual period of suspension shall be determined by the administration in each individual case. **The administration and coach/activity supervisor may enforce a more severe penalty, which may include termination from activities, if the violation warrants it. If the penalty exceeds the minimum for the violation, the reason shall be stated in writing.**

A. First Violation

After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity event in which the student is a participant for a minimum of 1/8 of the number of regular season events scheduled.

Athletes who have committed a first violation may receive their appropriate awards, including the 4year 3 sport award, if they have completed all policy requirements to be reinstated.

Marijuana and other Drugs (SDCL 13-32-9)

Any student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for drug violations for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one-year suspension may be reduced to sixty school days if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

B. Second Violation

After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity event in which the student is a participant for a minimum of 1/3 of the number of regular season events scheduled.

Athletes who have committed their second violation will forfeit their appropriate awards, including the 4year 3 sport award.

Marijuana and other Drugs (SDCL 13-32-9)

After confirmation for the second marijuana or other drug violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity or activity event for the rest of his or her high school career. In the event the second marijuana/other drug violation is not a conviction, adjudication, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence, the activity suspension may be reduced if the student completes a drug evaluation and completes an approved drug prevention program.

C. Third Violation

After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations the student will be terminated from all activities for the remainder of their school career. The student will not be eligible for activity awards.