

**SECTION G**  
**STUDENT ADMINISTRATION**

**6.01 Classification of Pupils**

The elementary and secondary school principals shall decide upon the classification of each student.

**6.02 Promotion and Retention of Pupils**

The principal in charge is to promote and classify or retain pupils upon the immediate recommendation of the teachers of the pupils concerned.

**6.03 Interrogation of Students by Police**

**1. Child Abuse Cases**

- a. Do not obstruct investigation
- b. If parents are not to be notified that their child is being questioned, get a signed statement from social worker or police stating that parents are not to be notified.

**2. All Other Cases**

Under normal circumstances notify the parent that child is being interviewed.

**6.04 Transfer of Academic Credit**

The Sioux Valley School District attempts to provide a wide variety of courses that stimulate student achievement and meet the needs of all students. However, circumstances may require that special accommodations be made to certain students who have fallen behind and are in danger of not graduating. Other students may desire a course the district does not provide, or desire to take dual credit offerings. In such cases, distance learning classes, alternative schools, Internet classes, or post-secondary schools may become viable options to fulfill these course requirements. In all cases, the student must demonstrate a special need for this class, have attempted the class, if offered, at Sioux Valley School, and secure prior written permission from the High School Principal. In so far as the State of South Dakota accredits Sioux Valley Schools, no credit will be granted for any course work taken at a non-accredited school. High school credit will only be accepted from high schools accredited by the State Department of Education and/or regional accrediting agencies such as NCA. The cost of the courses shall be the responsibility of the student; however, the District may consider paying the cost of the course if some unusual circumstances deem it appropriate. (Adopted January 14, 2002)

**6.05 Participation of Alternative Instruction Students**

The Sioux Valley School District will grant permission for alternative instruction students to participate in interscholastic contests. As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student must annually fulfill the following conditions:

- (1) Demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER I, PART IV – Student Eligibility and CHAPTER II, PART I – Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests of the SDHSAA BYLAWS (as applicable) by submitting the SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students.
- (2) Provide documentation of the SDCL 13-27-3 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE REQUEST and nationally standardized achievement tests in grades tested under the state testing program.
- (3) Comply with all the District's eligibility requirements with the exception of attendance requirements: Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per the District's administrative policy following the same procedure used to accept credits towards graduation when an alternative instruction student requests a transfer to the 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 year. After one year, the student may regain eligibility per the 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 the District training rules and codes of conduct will be applicable.
  - (b) In order to be eligible to audition for and participate in Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, All State Orchestra or All-State Band, the student must be currently enrolled and attending the District's parallel musical organization (if one exists) i.e. vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra. (This is the same 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 is the same rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.)
  - (d) All references to calendar shall refer to the 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 year, beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program. Legal REFS.: SDCL 13-36-4; 13-36-7 (Adopted 08/11/03)