

JEAA-R - PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

At the discretion of the local, member school, alternative instruction students under SDCL 13-27-3 may be granted permission by an accredited member school to participate in interscholastic contests by annually fulfilling the following conditions:

1. Demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER I, PART IV-STUDENT ELIGIBILITY and CHAPTER II, PART I-FURTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS (as applicable) by submitting the SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students.
2. Complying with all member school eligibility requirements with the exception of attendance requirements. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per local school administrative policy following the same procedure used to accept credits towards graduation when an alternative instruction student requests a transfer to the local school district.
3. 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 local school administrative policy.
4. Satisfying 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 local school training rules and/or codes of conduct will be applicable
 - b. In order to be eligible to audition for and/or participate in Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band, the student must be currently enrolled and attending the local school's parallel musical organization (if one exists) i.e. vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra. (This is the same rule that applies to students attending a member school)
 - c. To be eligible for school activities including, but not limited to, FFA and FCCLA, the student must be enrolled and attending subsequent CTE courses at Highmore-Harrold High School. (This is the same rule that applies to students attending a member school)
 - d. 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 students attending a member school)

- e. All references to calendar shall refer to the calendar of the member school where the alternative instruction student is participating.
5. Eligibility will be established at the first member school the alternative student decides to participate.
6. The student may transfer their eligibility one time to another member school. If this occurs at the beginning of the school year, the student would become eligible immediately. If the transfer occurs after the first day of school, the student would become eligible following 45 school days. NOTE: This would be consistent with the current by-law applicable to open enrollment students.
7. 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. Re-enrollment in a member school shall not nullify the year of ineligibility.

Participation in interscholastic activities--Accreditation--Eligibility.

Any student enrolling in a South Dakota district pursuant to § 13-15-21 is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activity sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. If the school board or governing body of an accredited school approves, a student receiving alternative instruction pursuant to § 13-27-3 is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activity sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Nothing in this section confers any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity. However, any accredited school student who leaves an accredited program during the course of the school year for any reason and enters an alternative instruction program is ineligible for participation in interscholastic activities for one year beginning on the date in which the student enters the alternative program.

HIGHMORE-HARROLD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE STUDENT

- _____ Students who use the open enrollment procedure are only eligible for activities if they are attending Highmore-Harrold schools full time and meeting the requirements.
- _____ Students will be required to follow all other Code of Ethic policies and procedures in relationship to the activity participating in including the attendance portion in relationship to the three classes taken on school grounds.

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST FOR
ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS
(Completed on an annual basis)

Member School _____ Date Completed _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

The alternative instruction student must comply with all the items on this checklist in order to participate in SDHSAA sanctioned events. Please check (X) each requirement that has been fulfilled. The aforementioned student:

_____ Meets age/grade requirements (grade higher, but has not reached his/her 20th birthday)

_____ Has not attended more than 4 first semesters and 4 second semesters of school in grades 9-12. These semesters must be consecutive.

_____ Seventh and eighth grade students may compete on high school teams provided they meet scholastic standards fully equivalent to those required for students in grades 9-12

_____ Has not graduated from a regular four-year high school or institution of equivalent rank

_____ Resides with either a parent or a legal guardian (or court placement documents)

ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY RULES

_____ Has current forms for parent permit and SDHSAA athletic physical examination

_____ Has never participated in an athletic contest under an assumed name

_____ Has never participated in athletics in any institution of higher rank than a standard secondary school

_____ Has never violated his/her amateur standing

_____ Is not participating as an individual or as a member of another team during the same sport season while a member of a high school team (i.e. playing on a Y basketball team during the high school basketball season)

ADDITIONAL FINE ARTS ELIGIBILITY RULES

_____ Is currently enrolled and attending the local school's parallel musical organization prior to auditioning and/or participating in Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band. If a student tries out for and makes an All-State event, after which the student quits the high school music organization, the student is not eligible to perform in the All-State event for he/she is no longer actively involved in the local school's music group.

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

Student:

_____ Has provided school officials with acceptable documentation of compliance with all rules governing alternative instruction programs

_____ Has met all member school eligibility requirements

_____ Has not been declared academically ineligible in any accredited school during the past year (If student has been declared academically ineligible, he/she is ineligible to participate in SDHSAA events as an alternative instruction student for a period of one year)

_____ Has not been enrolled in an accredited school during the past calendar year

_____ Has not transferred eligibility from another member school

If so, list member school previously competing with and date of transfer.

(Previous school: _____ Date of transfer: _____)

This is allowed one time during the four years of eligibility. If this occurs at the beginning of the school year, the student would become eligible immediately. If the transfer occurs after the first day of school, the student would become eligible following 45 school days. This is applicable to the initial transfer only. Any subsequent transfer results in ineligibility for one year from the date of transfer.

Highmore-Harrold School District additional requirements to be followed by the student:

_____ Students who use the open enrollment procedure are only eligible for activities if they are attending Highmore schools full time and meeting the requirements.

_____ Student will be required to follow all other Code of Ethics policies and procedures in relationship to the activity participating in including the attendance portion in relationship to the three classes take on school grounds.

We verify that we are in compliance with Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws and SDCL 13-27-3 rules and regulations. Furthermore, we acknowledge and accept that fulfillment of the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as other students, participating in the interscholastic activity is a condition of participation.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Signature of student)

I verify that to the best of my knowledge _____ has complied in all respects with the conditions of SDCL 13-27-3 and Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws, and that he/she has received permission from our school to participate in interscholastic activities at this high school and will be added to the SDHSAA annual eligibility report.

(High School Principal)

(Athletic/Activities Director)

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