

EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**Philosophy**

The Board believes that participation in extracurricular activities constitutes a privilege and not a right. Students who participate in extracurricular activities represent the student body, school district, and community on the state and national level. As such, behavior of these students is a reflection on the entire community.

The District will enforce the requirements placed on extracurricular participants by the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA), which govern both on- and off- campus behavior. The Ashley School District reserves the right to establish procedures that exceed the NDHSAA minimum standards. In addition, the Board has established the following extracurricular participation requirements.

Activities Affected by this Policy

Activities affected by this policy shall include extracurricular activities as listed in the student handbook, including those not sponsored by NDHSAA.

Academics

Academic eligibility is defined in the student handbooks. The student handbook is provided to students on an annual basis prior to the start of the school year.

NDHSAA requires that local districts establish a definition of what constitutes a failing grade. For the purposes of this policy, a failing grade is defined as receiving a F or lower in any curricular course as computed from the beginning of the semester for regular education students or, in the case of special education students, not meeting the goals of Individual Education Programs (IEP) as assessed from the beginning of the semester.

Ashley High School has a weekly eligibility policy. Students who wish to participate, compete, or travel with a team or an activity listed in the activities section of the handbook, must be passing the amount of classes stated by the handbook to be eligible. To meet eligibility requirements, grades are checked by the principal at 2:00 pm of the last day of the school week. The grade used to determine eligibility will be the grade computed in PowerSchool.

Violation of Other Misconduct Policies

Students involved in any criminal activity (except minor traffic violations) and/or being charged by an adult or juvenile court may be subject to suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of six (6) consecutive weeks for the first offense and a period of eighteen (18) weeks for any subsequent offense(s) during his/her high school career. Such consequences shall be imposed in addition to other disciplinary consequences imposed under the applicable policy.

Suspension Procedure

The school administrator shall immediately investigate any alleged violation of this policy. If the administrator finds reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, the administrator shall give the student immediate notice of suspension from co-curricular activities in writing.

When the principal or Superintendent, as a result of his/her investigation, concludes that a violation of this policy or NDHSAA bylaws has occurred, s/he shall issue notice to the student of this suspension.

Off-Season Violations

The period for which suspensions apply shall begin with the first day of school to the first day of the ensuing term and shall not include days of summer vacation and shall continue with the next ensuing terms.

Period of Enforcement

This policy shall be in effect from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year. It shall be in effect for all extracurricular activities including those of junior high students.

Complementary Documents

- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

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