

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 shall enforce the requirements placed on extracurricular participants by North Dakota law and the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA), which govern both on- and off-campus behavior. 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.

The Board may prohibit a student from participating in any extracurricular activity if:

1. The Student has pled guilty to or been convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced under NDCC 12.1-32-02.1 or been convicted of an offense specified in subsection 1 of NDCC 12.1-32-09.1;
2. The student has:
 - a. An order prohibiting contact issued against the student at the request of another student or employee of the District;
 - b. A disorderly conduct restraining order issued against the student at the request of another student or employee of the District, except a temporary restraining order;
 - c. A protection order issued against the student at the request of another student or employee of the District, except a temporary protection order; or
 - d. Any other order issued against the student prohibiting contact with a student or employee of the District which is signed by a district judge or a judicial referee within a delinquency or criminal case;
- e. The Principal receives information pertaining to an offense or order as provided in NDCC 27-20.2-21; or
- f. The victim of the offense or the subject of the order notifies the Principal of the offense or order.

A representative of the juvenile court system may notify the Principal regarding the existence of files or records of the juvenile court pertaining to a student which are open to inspection by the Principal under North Dakota Law.

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.

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.

In addition to NDHSAA academic standards, the Ashley School District also requires that no student may participate in a contest if they fail more than one class as computed 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 who violate student conduct policies not covered by NDHSAA bylaws may be subject to suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of six consecutive weeks for the first offense and a period of eighteen weeks for any subsequent offense(s). Such consequences shall be imposed in addition to other disciplinary consequences imposed under the applicable policy.

Suspension Procedure

When the building principal or Superintendent, because of their investigation, concludes that a violation of this policy or NDHSAA bylaws has occurred, they shall issue notice to the student, parents, and coaches of this suspension. Students who are under suspension are prohibited from practicing and traveling with their respective teams.

Off-Season Violations

The period for which suspensions apply shall begin with the first day of school or practice if practice is before the start 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.

Accumulation of Violations

A student's record of violations of this policy shall be cumulative commencing with promotion from grade eight to grade nine and concluding upon their graduation or completion of any school-sponsored activity extending beyond graduation (e.g., state track meet).

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.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- FF, Student Conduct and Discipline
- FFE-AR, Meals for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities
- FFE-AR2, Athletic Physicals
- FFK, Suspension and Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension and Expulsion Regulations
- GCBA, Grading

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