

	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEPN Code: IHBG
	POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATE INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOL) STUDENTS

The Board will follow state statutes in cooperating with parents/guardians who wish to have their children participate in co-curricular activities as well as receive education that is an alternative to education in an accredited public or private school.

The Board recognizes the importance of co-curricular activities in the educational experience of its students and desires to offer the opportunity for co-curricular activities to home-based and private school students in the public schools. In the best interests of the students, it is also the Board's desire to make it easier for the home-based and private school students to fit in with, and be accepted by, the public school students, and to become socially acclimated. Further, it is the desire of the Board to offer incentive to all students, both public school students and home-based and private school students, to participate in co-curricular activities by offering elective credit for such participation.

The Board also recognizes that with these programs, while economically reasonable in cost, there is an expense incurred by each student's participation, including, but not limited to, the cost of liability insurance. For this reason, in order to participate in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities within the public school, the student must do one of the following:

- a) be dual enrolled for at least one (1) block/period; or
- b) be enrolled in the "activity block".

Each home school student wishing to participate in an extra or co-curricular activity must consult with the building administration to determine which option will best meet the student's need. Students who transfer to the district after having attended an alternative educational program will be assigned to the appropriate grade or skill level as per policy JGA.

The Administration is directed to implement an "activity block," which will be for the purpose of allowing all students, not only home-based and private school students, to enroll in that "activity" block, participate in the various co-curricular activities offered, and receive an elective credit for successful completion of that block. The Administration is further directed to determine the value of the elective credits which shall be allowed for successful completion of said "activity" block, and to implement that elective credit effective beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

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.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

SDCL 13-27-3 Child excused if provided alternative instruction

SDCL 13-27-7 Applications for excuse from attendance

SDHSAA Bylaws

Aberdeen School District Policy JGA Enrollment of Students from Non-Accredited Schools

Aberdeen School District Policy JICDA Activity Code/Philosophy and Purpose

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