

	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEPN Code: IHBG-R
	POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATE INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOL) STUDENTS

As with its activity code and code of conduct, the Aberdeen School District recognizes that in order to have a fulfilling co-curricular experience, all students must be held to the same standard of conduct. This applies to academics, attendance, and behavior. For these reasons, alternate instructional students under SDCL 13-27-3 may be granted permission to participate in interscholastic contests by annually fulfilling the following conditions prior to being accepted:

1. Demonstrate compliance with SDHSAA Bylaws pursuant to 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 Alternate 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. It is recommended, but not required, that alternate instructional students be administered the standardized achievement tests with the students enrolled in the Aberdeen Public Schools each year that they participate.
3. Provide documentation of an alternative instructional curriculum plan and attendance plan for the entire period of time the student will be granted participation rights. This plan will consist of courses to be taught, the assessment process used to evaluate their progress, and the time-lines involved in the instruction of the courses being pursued.
4. Complying with all member school eligibility requirements with the exception of attendance requirements at the public school site. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per local school administrative policy following the same procedure used for accepting credits towards graduation when an alternative instructional student requests a transfer to the local school district.
5. 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 initial acceptance and continued membership in the activity including but not limited to:
 - a. Enrollment in sports activities as part of their physical education elective requirement for graduation.
 - b. In order to be eligible to audition for and/or participate in Debate, Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, or All-State Band, the student must be currently enrolled and attending the school district's parallel musical organization (if one exists) i.e. vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra. (This is the same rule that applies to students attending the public schools.)
 - c. All local rules under the Code of Conduct Policy are applicable.

- d. A student who is a member of a high school team may not participate in games, practice, try-outs, 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 compete unattached on an individual basis. (This is the same rule that applies to students attending the public schools and to all member schools of SDHSAA.)
 - e. All references to calendar shall refer to the calendar of the District.
- 6. Eligibility will be established at the first member school the alternative student decides to participate.
 - 7. The student may transfer their eligibility one-time to/from 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. This would be consistent with the current by-law applicable to open enrollment students.
 - 8. A student who leaves an accredited school for any reason to enter an alternate instructional program, shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one year, beginning on the date the student enters the alternate instructional program. Re-enrollment in a member school shall not nullify the year of ineligibility.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

SDCL 13-36-4 Delegation of control, supervision, and regulation of high school interscholastic activities to association
SDCL 13-27-3 Child excused if provided alternative instruction
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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