

## PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

The Watertown School District will grant permission for alternative instruction students to participate in interscholastic contests.

As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student must annually fulfill the following conditions:

- (1) Demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER I, PART IV - Student Eligibility and CHAPTER II, PART I - Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests of the SDHSAA BYLAWS (as applicable) by submitting the SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative 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.
- (3) Comply with all the District's eligibility requirements with the exception of attendance requirements. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per the District's administrative policy following the same procedure used to accept credits towards graduation when an alternative instruction student requests a transfer to the district.
- (4) Satisfy 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 the District training rules and codes of conduct will be applicable.
  - (b) In order to be eligible to audition for and participate in the Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band, the student must be currently enrolled and attending the District's parallel musical organization (if one exists) i.e. vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra. (This is the same rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school)
  - (c) 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 all students attending a SDHSAA member school.)
  - (d) All references to calendar shall refer to the District's calendar.
- (5) A student who leaves an accredited school for any reason (i.e. academic ineligibility, etc.) 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.

- (6) Eligibility will be established at the first member school the alternative student decides to participate at.
- (7) The student may transfer their eligibility one time to another member school. If this occurs at the beginning of the school year, the student becomes eligible immediately. If the transfer occurs after the first day of school, the student would become eligible as per the following guidelines:
  - a. Open enrolled students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a (5) day week shall become eligible on the forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met.
  - b. Open enrolled students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met.

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