

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

Students who participate in alternative instruction, i.e. who are home schooled, shall have the opportunity to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities if they meet the requirements of state law, the South Dakota High School Activities Association, and district policy, including regulations specified in the student handbooks.

The purposes of these regulations are two-fold: (a) to allow alternative instruction students to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities and (b) to offer alternative instruction students an opportunity to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities while remaining fair and equitable to students who regularly attend school at the Montrose School District. Nothing in this section confers any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity.

As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student in grades 9-12

1. must have a completed alternative instruction application on file with the Montrose School District *and/or the Department of Education.*
2. must demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER 1, PART IV — *Student Eligibility* — and CHAPTER II, PART I — *Further Eligibility for Athletic Contests* — of the *SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students*. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually.

### **3. 13-36-7. Participation in interscholastic activities--Eligibility.**

Any student enrolling in a South Dakota district pursuant to § 13-15-21 is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activity sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Each public school district shall allow participation in athletics, fine arts, or activities for a child being provided alternative instruction pursuant to § 13-27-3 within the district in which the child resides. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall submit proof of age when participating in athletics, fine arts, or activities. Any child being provided with alternative instruction and participating in South Dakota High School Activities Association activities shall be held to the same local training rules and South Dakota High School Activities Association transfer and non-academic eligibility rules as enrolled students.

Pursuant to § 13-27-3 and before the current season of the sport or activity the alternative instruction child is participating in, the parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall provide the appropriate school official with a copy of a transcript of the previous semester's completed coursework that is issued by the parent, guardian, or other person in control of the child. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall notify the appropriate school

official if the child becomes ineligible under South Dakota High School Activities Association or local school rules in so far as those standards apply to § 13-27-3.

Nothing in this section confers any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity. However, any enrolled student who leaves an accredited program during the course of the school year and who will be provided alternative instruction is ineligible for participation in interscholastic activities for the balance of the current season of the sport or activity the student is participating in at the time of notification of alternative instruction.

4. Alternative Instructional students must have an annual physical examination completed prior to participate on any athletic team.

5. No student will have any athletic/fine arts eligibility after his or her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday as per SDHSAA Eligibility Requirements.

6. A student who leaves an accredited school for any reason to enter an alternative instruction program shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program.

7. Any student, who was unable to maintain academic eligibility in an accredited school, shall be ineligible to participate as an alternative instruction student for a period of one (1) year. After one year, the student may regain eligibility per the school district's administrative policy.

8. Junior high students will be eligible for co-curricular/ extra-curricular activities in a commensurate fashion with the senior high regulations.

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