

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST FOR ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS (Completed on an Annual Basis)

Member School _____ Date Completed _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

The alternative instruction student must comply with all the items on this checklist in order to participate in SDHSAA sanctioned events. Please check (X) each requirement that has been fulfilled. The aforementioned student:

- ___ meets age/grade requirements (grade 7 or higher, but has not reached his/her 20th birthday)
- ___ has not attended more than 4 first semesters and 4 second semesters or 12 trimesters of school in grades 9-12. These semesters/trimesters must be consecutive
- ___ has completed 20 hours of high school work per week for the preceding semester, unless entering high school for the first time. Twenty hours is equivalent to four full time academic subjects
- ___ will attend a minimum of 20 hours of high school work per week, at the alternate instruction site, during each semester/trimester of the current school year
- ___ seventh and eighth grade students may compete on high school teams provided they meet scholastic standards fully equivalent to those required for students in grades 9-12
- ___ has not graduated from a regular four-year high school or institution of equivalent rank
- ___ was attending classes by the 16th school day of the current semester/trimester
- ___ has not been absent from classes for more than 10 consecutive school days (illness of the student or a death in the immediate family excepted)
- ___ resides with either a parent or a legal guardian (or court placement documents)

Additional Athletic Eligibility Rules

- ___ has current forms for parent permit and SDHSAA athletic physical examination
- ___ has never participated in an athletic contest under an assumed name
- ___ has never participated in athletics in any institution of higher rank than a standard secondary school
- ___ has never violated his/her amateur standing
- ___ is not participating as an individual or as a member of another team during the same sport season while a member of a high school team (i.e. playing on a Y-basketball team during the high school basketball season)

Additional Fine Arts Eligibility Rules

- ___ is currently enrolled and attending the local school's parallel musical organization prior to auditioning and/or participating in Region Music Contests, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band. If a student tries out for and makes an All-State event, or registers for the Region Music Contest, after which the student quits the high school music organization, the student is not eligible to perform in the All-State event or Region Music Contest for he/she is no longer actively involved in the local school's music group.

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

Student:

- _____ has provided school officials with acceptable documentation of compliance with all rules governing alternative instruction programs
- _____ has met all member school eligibility requirements as per SDHSAA Bylaws, Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, page 14 relating to age, enrollment, eight semester rule and the scholastic/academic eligibility rules
- _____ has not been declared academically ineligible in any accredited school during the past year.
- _____ has not transferred eligibility through SDHSAA athletic open enrollment from another member school. If so, list member school previously competing with and date of transfer.
Previous school: _____
Date of transfer: _____

A transfer of eligibility is allowed one time during the four years of eligibility. **In order for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students to be eligible immediately for participation in interscholastic athletics of the SDHSAA, the student must both:**

- **(1) be enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to, and,**
- **(2) have not competed in any SDHSAA sanctioned athletic contest at the school they are open enrolling from during that school year's athletic season.**

Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

For students who do not meet these criteria:

- a. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a five (5) day week shall become eligible on the forty-sixth (46th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

- b. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in an SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the thirty-seventh (37th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Revised 2005 Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students. This is applicable to the initial transfer only. Any subsequent transfer results in ineligibility for one year from the date of transfer.

We verify that we are in compliance with Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 1, page 14 of the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws relating to age, enrollment, eight semester rule and the scholastic/academic eligibility rules and SDCL 13-27-3 rules and regulations. Furthermore, we acknowledge and accept that fulfillment of the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as other students, participating in the interscholastic activity is a condition of participation.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Signature of student)

I verify that to the best of my knowledge _____ has complied in all respects with the conditions of SDCL 13-27-3 and Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 1, page 14 of the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws relating to age, enrollment, eight semester rule and the scholastic/academic eligibility rules and that he/she will be added to the SDHSAA annual eligibility report.

(High School Principal)

(Athletic/Activities Director)