

**EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS BEYOND NDHSAA
BYLAWS/POLICIES****Philosophy**

The Board believes that participation in extracurricular activities constitutes a privilege and not a right. Students who participate in extracurricular activities represent the student body, school district, and community on the state and national level. As such, behavior of these students is a reflection on the entire community.

The District will enforce the requirements placed on extracurricular participants by the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA), which govern both on- and off- campus behavior. In addition, the Board has established the following extracurricular participation requirements.

He/She must abide by all the eligibility rules as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the North Dakota High School Activities Association. (A complete copy may be checked out at the office). Students will be subject to suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of up to six (6) consecutive weeks for the first offense and a period of eighteen (18) weeks for any subsequent offense(s) during their high school career. A student's record of violations of this policy shall be cumulative commencing with promotion from grade eight to grade nine and concluding upon his/her graduation or completion of any school-sponsored activity extending beyond graduation (e.g., state track meet).

Additional Eligibility Rules for Tioga Students

1. Students must receive a successful passing grade in all subject areas and/or classes.
2. At the beginning of the school year and at the beginning of each subsequent quarter, student eligibility will be calculated after the first three (3) weeks of each grading period. Beginning week four (4) of each grading period, eligibility will be calculated on a weekly basis.
3. Instructors must have grades posted by 12:00 noon on Friday or the last school day of that week.
4. Eligibility requirements will be determined Monday to Monday.
5. Tioga School District incorporates this policy and all student in grades 7-12 are covered by this policy.
6. If a student is suspended or expelled from school, that student is ineligible for both practicing and participating until the suspension/expulsion is ended.
7. The following will be left to individual coaches:
 - a. Training rules
 - b. Missing practices
 - c. Dress code
 - d. Discipline – student misbehaving in another instructor's class is not cause for removal from a game or a team.
8. In order to participate in practice or play in an interscholastic event, a student must have been in school that day for a minimum of one-half day. At the discretion of the principal, some exceptions may be given but only if the student has given prior

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notification of his or her necessary absence. If a student misses school on Friday, he/she may participate/play on Saturday.

Recommended exceptions to the above:

- a. Written excuse – doctor or dentist
- b. Pre-arranged (with parent excuse) funerals or weddings.

Not recommended as an exception:

- a. Work – even if excused by parent.

Activities in this policy shall include extracurricular activities as listed in the student handbook, including those not sponsored by NDHSAA.

Academics

NDHSAA requires that local districts establish a definition of what constitutes a failing grade. For the purposes of this policy, a failing grade is defined as receiving a 60% or lower in any curricular course as computed from the beginning of the semester for regular education students or, in the case of special education students, not meeting the goals of Individual Education Programs as assessed from the beginning of the semester.

In addition to NDHSAA academic standards, the Tioga School District #15 also requires that no student may participate in a contest if he or she is failing more than one class as computed from the beginning of the semester.

Violation of Other Misconduct Policies

Students who violate student conduct policies not covered by NDHSAA bylaws may be subject to suspension from extracurricular activities for a period of up to six (6) consecutive weeks for the first offense and a period of eighteen (18) weeks for any subsequent offense(s). Such consequences shall be imposed by a committee consisting of the building principal, athletic director and coach/advisor. If an appeal is desired, it can be appealed to the superintendent. If further resolution is needed, it may go to the school board in addition to other disciplinary consequences imposed under the applicable policy.

Suspension Procedure

When the principal or Superintendent, as a result of his/her investigation, concludes that a violation of this policy or NDHSAA bylaws has occurred, s/he issue notice to the student of this suspension.

Practice and Travel while Suspended

Students who are under suspension are encouraged to practice and travel with their respective teams at coach or advisor discretion. However, suspended students will not be allowed to miss school time to travel with the team.

Accumulation of Violations

A student's record of violations of this policy shall be cumulative commencing with promotion from grade eight to grade nine and concluding upon his\her graduation or completion of any school-sponsored activity extending beyond graduation (e.g., state track meet).

Off-Season Violations

In addition to the penalties delineated in this policy, in the event the suspension is administered during a season when the student is not actively participating (e.g., fall for a student participating in track), the student's suspension shall be extended to include a minimum of a two-week or two-contest suspension (whichever is more severe) from the student's next activity. "Next activity" shall be defined as the next activity in which the student begins practicing at the appropriate date and concludes at the end of the season (i.e., does not start and quit). Should the

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student's next activity not be until the following school year, the two-week or two-contest rule will be applied at that time. This does not apply to offenses committed outside of the extra-curricular school year. See FFE-AR5 for Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse and FFE-AR5 School-Sponsored Summer Activities.

Complementary Documents

- FFA, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse
- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FFE-AR, Meals for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities
- FFE-AR2, Athletic Physicals
- FFE-AR5 School-Sponsored Summer Activities.
- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

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