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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BP 6145 (a)

The Iditarod School Board recognizes that extracurricular and co-curricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students and shall annually adopt a plan for student participation in extra/co-curricular activities which does not compromise the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

(cf. 5131.63 - Performance Enhancing Drugs)

(cf. 6153 - School-sponsored Trips)

Eligibility Requirements

Note: The following policy establishes academic eligibility requirements for student participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities in grades 7-12.

In order to participate in extra/co-curricular activities, students in grades 7 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in meeting the requirements for graduation.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from eligibility requirements extra/co-curricular activities or programs which are offered primarily for the student's academic or educational achievement.

To encourage and support academic excellence, the Iditarod School Board requires students in grades 7 through 12 to earn a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average on a 4.0 scale in order to participate in extra/co-curricular activities.

Students with any "F" grades do not meet eligibility requirements.

The Iditarod School Board desires to balance the academic needs of students with the benefits they receive from participating in school activities. The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probation period of not more than one semester. In implementing this policy, the Superintendent or designee shall help ineligible students regain eligibility.

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The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extra/co-curricular activities when a student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 6145.2 - Interscholastic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate the opportunity for transitioning military children's participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

(cf. 5119 – Children of Military Families)

Participation by Students Enrolled in Alternative Education Programs

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, a high school student who is enrolled full-time in an alternative education program located in the state is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the student's district of residence if the student's alternative program does not offer interscholastic activities. The student is required to meet the same eligibility criteria for participation as district students and must provide documentation, including transcripts, proof of full-time enrollment, applicable disciplinary records, and medical records, if required for participation in the activity. The student must claim the same school for interscholastic purposes during a school year. An alternative program is "located in the state" if the program is assessed by a student located in the state and all instructional hours take place at a site in the state. AS 14.30.365.

The Iditarod School Board welcomes the participation in extracurricular activities of eligible students who are enrolled full time in alternative education programs. Participation is available to those students who would be permitted to enroll in the district based on the residency of the student's parent or legal guardian. Students must meet the same eligibility requirements for participation in the activity as district students, and must provide all documentation required to confirm eligibility. Participation is available in those interscholastic activities sanctioned by the Alaska School Activities Association that occur outside the regular curriculum. Participation is not available in student government at a school.

The alternative education program in which a student is enrolled must be located entirely in Alaska in the state and must be a public secondary school that provides a nontraditional education program, including the Alaska Military Youth Academy; a public vocational, remedial, or theme-based program; an accredited home school program; a charter school; or a statewide correspondence school.

Note: A student wanting to participate in activities but whose parent or legal guardian is not a resident of the district may still request participation. A student meeting all other requirements will be eligible if the Board approves participation based on good cause demonstrated by the student. AS 14.30.365. Good cause is not defined in this statute. Decisions on eligibility should be made by the Board on a case-by-case basis, considering all applicable circumstances. Such determinations should be evenly applied to students in similar situations.

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The Board recognizes that good cause may exist for a student to participate in district extracurricular activities even if the student's parent or guardian does not reside within the district. Students who attend an alternative education program full time and who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for the extracurricular activity (is) may apply to the district for participation despite the lack of residency. Such a request must be submitted to the superintendent or designee with a written explanation of the good cause that exists. Eligibility in this situation must be approved by the Board. Unless the parent or eligible student's presence is requested at a meeting of the Board, the Board's decision will be based upon the written request submitted, including any recommendation by the superintendent or designee. Board approval will be effective for the school year in which the student applies and may be renewed annually if the good cause continues to exist.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTE

14.30.010 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

14.30.365 interscholastic activities; eligibility

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4 AAC 06.520 Recreational and athletic activities

4 AAC 06.600 Definitions

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INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

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The Iditarod School Board considers the interscholastic program an integral component of the district educational program. The interscholastic athletic program shall be geared to the interests and abilities of students of both sexes and varied in scope to ensure wide participation, consistent with the financial and personnel constraints of the district.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

The Iditarod School Board shall not approve membership of the district, or any school in the district, in any voluntary interscholastic athletic organization which discriminates against or denies the benefits of any program to any person on the basis of race, sex, or ethnic origin.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

The Iditarod School Board shall maintain general control over all aspects of the interscholastic athletic policies, programs and activities in the district, including eligibility, season of sport, and number of sports, personnel, and sports facilities. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to the Iditarod School Board for district compliance with federal and state law.

(cf. 6145.21 - Sportsmanship)

The Iditarod School Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that the health and welfare of students is given the highest consideration in planning a program of interscholastic competition. Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is organized and supervised in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. The district interscholastic program shall require for medical examinations, ongoing medical supervision, and the use of protective equipment as appropriate.

(cf. 5131.63 - Performance Enhancing Drugs)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.18.040 Discrimination in recreational and athletic activities prohibited

14.30.365 interscholastic eligibility

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.115 Interscholastic activities

4 AAC 06.520 Recreational and athletic activities

4 AAC 06.600 Definitions

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Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Eligibility Requirements

The Iditarod Area School District uses the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) eligibility and citizenship policies for interscholastic competition. Obtain these documents at www.asaa.org for up to date forms and policies.

Note: The following ASAA rules are intended to be minimum requirements for student eligibility to participate in all sanctioned interscholastic activities. These rules do not preclude a school or district from imposing additional rules that are reasonable and not in conflict with those set forth below.

In order to participate in ASAA activities, the following conditions of eligibility must be met:

1. Students must properly register in a 9-12 high school program or any combination thereof, in the school where the student will participate ("School of Eligibility").

Note: Students enrolled in statewide correspondence programs (who are ASAA members) must comply with the enrollment rules. If a student is enrolled full time in the statewide correspondence program, the student may not participate on another school's team. ASAA rules should be consulted regarding eligibility for students attending non-member charter schools, alternative schools, or programs.

2. Students may not be graduated seniors, with the exception that the eligibility of a senior graduating near the end of a regular school year shall extend through the conclusion of any current school athletic season in which he or she is participating.
3. All second semester freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, as well as seniors who are not on track to graduate must be enrolled in a minimum of five semester units of credits at the School of Eligibility or its district, that lead to granting of credit toward graduation.
4. Students in grade 12 who are on track to graduate must be enrolled in a minimum of four semester units of credit at the School of Eligibility or its district.
5. Students must maintain at least an overall 2.0 GPA during the current semester. Students who do not maintain this GPA may regain eligibility during the current semester by achieving and maintaining an overall 2.0 GPA.
6. Students must be in regular attendance at school classes in which enrolled or for which credit is granted (or be enrolled in a district or member school correspondence program).
7. All second semester freshman, sophomores, and juniors, as well as seniors who are not on track to graduate must have passed at least five semester units of credit, or the equivalent, during the previous semester and maintained a 2.0 overall GPA.

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8. Second semester seniors who are on track to graduate must have passed four semester units of credit, or the equivalent, during the previous semester and maintained a 2.0 overall GPA.
9. First semester seniors must have passed at least five semester units of credit, or the equivalent, during the previous semester in order to be eligible anytime during the current semester.
10. Students must meet additional district eligibility requirements, if any.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular activities)

Semester credit rules apply to each semester, following the first semester of the ninth grade. All first semester freshmen are immediately eligible for ASAA activities during the first semester.

A grade of incomplete is considered as not passing until the incomplete is changed on the official school records. Academic deficiencies may be made up through successful completion of correspondence courses or summer school. Correspondence study students must meet the same time frame as regular students.

A student expelled from a school is not eligible to participate in the interscholastic competition at another school during the period of expulsion.

Maximum Participation Rule

Note: No student may have more than eight consecutive semesters of ASAA eligibility.
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1. Students first entering 9th grade will have eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.
2. Students first entering 10th grade will have six consecutive semesters of eligibility.
3. Students first entering 11th grade will have four consecutive semesters of eligibility.
4. Students first entering 12th grade will have two consecutive semesters of eligibility.

Eligibility Reporting

1. The Superintendent or designee shall submit to ASAA, through the online Electronic Master Eligibility System, a Master Eligibility List for each activity. The list must be submitted before the first contest of that season. For competitions that involve only one contest, the list must be received by ASAA at least five days before the contest. Any additions or deletions to the eligibility list must be filed as an addendum to the original list before an individual is eligible to participate.

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2. Activities that require Master Eligibility Lists to be filed with the ASAA office are as follows:

All-State Art Competition	All State Honor Music
Baseball	Basketball
Bowling	Cheerleading/Dance/Drill Team
Competitive Nordic Skiing	Cross Country Running
Football	Debate/Drama/Forensics
Flag Football	8-player Football
Ice Hockey (both boys and girls)	Gymnastics
Soccer	Rifle
Solo and Ensemble	Softball
Swimming and Diving	State Student Government Conferences
Track and Field	Tennis
Girls Volleyball and Mixed Six Volleyball	Wrestling
World Language	

Drug Free Environment

All ASAA sponsored events will be conducted in drug free environments. Use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances are strictly prohibited.

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ASAA Citizenship Rule and Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Bylaw and Policy

Note: Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all students who participate in any ASAA sanctioned activity which requires the submission of the Master Eligibility List (see ASAA handbook for list of those activities), will be subject to ASAA Citizenship Rule as a condition of eligibility. A participating student will be subject to these rules beginning with the first interscholastic competition in 2008-09 and will remain subject to the rules for the remainder of the student's high school years. Violations of the policy are cumulative throughout a student's high school years in Alaska, regardless of which school the student is attending. Schools, not ASAA, will determine whether a violation has occurred and must report violations to ASAA as specified below.

AASA's Bylaw Article 12, Section 8, Citizenship Rule and Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy are included as a part of this policy manual. For up to date policy information, can be found go to: <http://playforkeepsalaska.org/overview/bylaws/>.

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SPORTSMANSHIP

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The Iditarod School Board expects athletes, coaches and spectators to demonstrate good sportsmanship during all athletic competitions. District staff and parents/guardians have a duty to promote an environment of good sportsmanship by serving as models of fair play and proper conduct.

Students and employees are responsible for maintaining sportsmanlike behavior at all times and may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper supervision and safety of students at athletic events.

(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion)

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The district is committed to providing students, coaches and spectators a sportsmanlike environment.

Sportsmanship involves:

1. Taking a loss or defeat without complaint.
2. Taking victory without gloating.
3. Treating opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

The following persons are expected to be role models demonstrating sportsmanship at all times and respecting the integrity and judgment of sports officials:

1. Principal/Principal-Teachers and administrative staff.
2. Athletic and band directors.
3. Coaches, players and cheerleaders.
4. Faculty members.
5. Parents/guardians and spectators.

The following behavior is unacceptable at all school contests:

1. Berating an opponent's school or mascot.
2. Berating opposing players.
3. Obscene cheers or gestures.
4. Negative signs.
5. Painted faces.
6. Use of noisemakers.
7. Words or gestures of complaint about officials' calls.

Game programs and the announcers shall explain and promote sportsmanship expectations.

Prior to the contest, each Principal/Principal-Teacher shall emphasize the importance of sportsmanlike behavior to coaches, players, cheerleaders and spectators in rallies, team meetings, faculty meetings, spirit club meetings, school bulletins and/or public address announcements. At least one day before the contest, the Principal/Principal-Teachers or designees of competing schools shall discuss the upcoming event and strategies to promote a sportsmanlike environment for the contest.

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The Principal/Principal-Teacher or designee from each participating school shall:

1. Meet with the site manager 30 minutes before game time and establish where he/she will be throughout the event.
2. Enforce the highest standards of sportsmanship within his/her own student body.
3. Cooperate with the Principal/Principal-Teacher or designee of the opponent's school whenever any violations of sportsmanship occur.

Disciplinary Measures Governing Coaches and Student Athletes

1. If any athlete physically assaults a coach, game official or school official at or during an athletic contest, the athlete will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
2. If any athlete actively competing in an athletic contest is involved in an altercation or is ejected from the contest as a result of that altercation, the athlete will be suspended from the next contest. An altercation is any action outside of the normal conduct of an athletic contest by which a student athlete causes or attempts to cause physical injury to another or which, in the judgment of a school or game official, could lead to another person's physical injury.
1. If any athlete leaves the bench/sidelines to go on the playing area during an altercation and, in the judgment of school officials, engages in behavior which serves to perpetuate the altercation, the athlete will be suspended from the next contest. Any athlete who willfully defies the order of a game or school official to remain in the bench/sidelines area during an altercation will be suspended from the next contest.

Any violation of these rules by an athlete may also result in suspension from the academic program.

If a coach in any sport is removed from the game by an official, the coach will be suspended from coaching the next contest, subject to application of due process procedures.

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