

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: IGDK – Instruction

IGDK- PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

The Dell Rapids School District will permit alternative instruction students in grades 5-6 to participate in middle school extracurricular activities, and will permit alternative instruction students in grades 7-12 to participate in interscholastic activities.

Nothing in this policy confers any vested right in any alternative instruction student wishing to participate in an interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity.

As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in, and attend a minimum of one (1) academic class period per day at Dell Rapids High School, and maintain a passing grade in the class. The class attended by the alternative instruction student must grant academic credit. On the day of participation in any extracurricular or interscholastic competition, the alternative instruction student must be present for class in order to be eligible to compete in the contest.

Alternative instruction students in grades 7-8 are not required to enroll in an academic class for condition of participation in interscholastic activities or extra-curricular activities. Likewise, alternative instruction students in grades 5-6 are not required to enroll in an academic class for condition of participation in extra-curricular activities.

Further, as a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student must 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 *Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students*. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually, within the first thirty (30) days of start of the school year.
2. Provide documentation for the *Application for Public School Exemption Certificate Request* (SDCL 13-27-3) and nationally standardized achievement tests in grades tested under the state testing program. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually, within the first thirty (30) days of the start of the school year.
3. Comply with all the District's eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities, including all academic requirements. Attendance requirements will apply as outlined above. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per the school district's administrative policy following the same procedure used to accept credits toward graduation when an alternative instruction student requests a transfer to the school district.
4. 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 District's administrative policy.

5. 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:
 - All of the District's training rules and codes of conduct will be applicable.
 - In order to be eligible to audition for and participate in 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 i.e., vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra. This is identical to the rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.
 - 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 rule is identical to the rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.
 - All references to calendar shall refer to the District's calendar.
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 year, beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program.

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