

Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. “Activity” means any extracurricular or interscholastic activity including but not limited to any academic, artistic, athletic, recreational or other related activity offered by a public school.
2. “School of attendance” means the school in which a student is enrolled and attends classes.
3. “District of residence” means the school district in which a student resides.
4. “District of attendance” means the school district in which a student is enrolled and attends classes if the student does not attend school in his or her district of residence. For a homeschooled student, the district of attendance shall be determined in accordance with C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (6).
5. “School of participation” means a school in which the student participates in an activity but is not the student’s school of attendance.

Participation in activities

Students meeting eligibility requirements may participate in activities at their school of attendance. Subject to the same eligibility requirements and in accordance with this policy and applicable law, the district shall allow students enrolled in any school (including charter schools, online education programs, nonpublic schools and nonpublic home-based educational programs) to participate on an equal basis in any activity offered by the district that is not offered at a student’s school of attendance.

If an activity is not available at a student’s school of attendance, the student may participate at another public school in the district of attendance or district of residence.

If an activity is not offered at any public school in the district of attendance or the district of residence, the student may seek to participate in a contiguous school district or at the nearest public school that offers the activity even if the school is not in a contiguous school district.

Regardless of whether the student seeks to participate in an activity at a public school in the district of attendance, district of residence, contiguous district or other district, the district in which the student seeks to participate shall choose the school of participation.

In choosing a school of participation, the district shall seek to maximize all students’ opportunities to participate in activities and shall consider certain factors, including but not limited to:

1. which public school of the district offers the most activities in which the student wishes to participate;
2. which public school or schools are nearest to the student's residence;
3. the preferences of the student's parents/guardians; and
4. such issues as may be presented for the district's consideration by a statewide high school activities association.

A student may participate in activities at more than one school of participation during the same school year only if the original school of participation does not offer an activity in which the student wishes to participate. This limitation applies regardless of whether the student participates in activities at a public or nonpublic school. Any additional school(s) of participation shall be chosen by the district in accordance with this policy.

With regard to athletic teams, the school of participation may reserve slots for up to twice the number of starting positions on the team at each level of competition for students enrolled in the district. With regard to individual athletic activities, the school of participation may reserve slots for up to half the total number of team members at each level of competition for students enrolled in the district.

Eligibility requirements

Eligibility requirements in the bylaws of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) shall be observed by students at the high school level. Additional eligibility requirements will be imposed by the district for both high school and middle school students. Such eligibility requirements may include, but not be limited to, good citizenship, acceptable academic standing, parental permission and good health (sports only).

To participate in activities at a school of attendance, a student shall meet all of the requirements imposed by the school of attendance.

To participate in activities at a school of participation students must comply with:

1. All eligibility requirements imposed by the school of participation.
2. The same responsibilities and standards of behavior, including related classroom and practice requirements that apply to enrolled students.

Student participation in an activity through any amateur association or league that is not a member of CHSAA shall not prevent the student from participating or affect eligibility to participate in the same activity at any school as long as the student has the express written permission of the principal at the school of participation, the student's class attendance is not compromised and the student is in good academic standing.

If a student has not met all of the eligibility requirements or if the student would have become ineligible to participate at a school, the student cannot gain or regain eligibility by applying to participate in activities at another school. Any penalties assessed to the student must first be paid at the school of attendance or participation before regaining eligibility to participate at another school.

Transfer students

If a student transfers enrollment to another school without an accompanying change of domicile by the student's parent/guardian, the student's eligibility to participate is determined by the district's eligibility requirements, CHSAA bylaws and applicable law.

Participation fee

Except as otherwise prohibited by state law, nonenrolled students participating in district activities shall pay the same fee charged enrolled students for participation in the activity.

Appeal

Any student who is sanctioned or is found by the school, school district or CHSAA to be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity may appeal the sanction or finding. Students may not appeal sanctions for unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection from the activity.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-30.7-108 (*online students' participation in extracurricular or interscholastic activities*)
C.R.S. 22-32-116.5 (*participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities*)
C.R.S. 22-32-138 (7) (*waiver of extracurricular fees for students in out-of-home placements*)
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (6) (*homeschooled students' participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities*)

CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-4, Communication and Council to the Board
EL-9, Treatment of Students Parents and Community
EL-10, Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance

Administrative policies:

IHBG, Home Schooling
JFABE*, Students in Foster Care

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(Guidelines for Extracurricular Activity Eligibility)

The following rules shall govern participation in all school-approved extracurricular activities:

1. Participants must be enrolled in the district as full-time middle or high school students in courses that will earn three and one half (3.5) Carnegie units of credit per semester, or enrolled in a nonpublic home-based program or an independent or parochial school taking an equivalent number of classes.
2. District students must be in attendance at school for the entire school day to participate in that day's events or activities. If a situation exists that will require the student to miss part of a school day, such as bereavement, family emergency, doctor's appointment, etc., district attendance procedures must be followed and documentation provided to excuse the absences.
3. The following eligibility requirements shall apply to district students participating in athletics:
 - Eligibility will be determined every Thursday. Students determined to be ineligible will not be able to participate in any contests from the upcoming Sunday until the following Sunday.
 - Students who have one F or two D's will be deemed academically ineligible for the upcoming eligibility period.
 - A student will remain ineligible for a seven day period, regardless of the grades on the following Thursday when the next eligibility check is made.
 - Ineligible students may still practice but may not be on the bench or sidelines during home games. They may not travel or have early dismissal for home games.
 - If the parent or the student disagrees with an ineligibility status, the student must resolve the problem with the teacher whose class he or she is not passing.
 - If a teacher has made a mistake in the grade book, the student, in collaboration with the teacher, must fill out and submit a grade correction form indicating the error. This form will be given to the athletic director, indicating that the teacher made an error and that the student had an incorrect grade.
 - Grade corrections must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday following that week's eligibility determination.
 - Grade correction forms will be watched closely and questioned if necessary.
 - Late work will be accepted at the teacher's discretion for eligibility. A teacher shall not make a grade correction based on late work to gain eligibility for the upcoming week.
 - Students who have missing assignments that have resulted in ineligibility due to bereavement, family emergencies or unavoidable pre-arranged absences will be allowed to make up the work to count towards maintaining or regaining eligibility and must be cleared by the athletic director or principal. Students must work with their teachers to accommodate this situation.

- When a student is ineligible, it is recommended that they attend ELO/STARS to assist in bringing up their grades. They may attend practices the remainder of the week but may not participate in contests or activities.
4. Students must submit a physical examination statement to the school before participating in any sport.
 5. Students must have emergency treatment, district parent permission and athletic insurance waiver forms, if applicable, filled out, signed and on file with the school before being allowed to practice in a sport or participate in any activity.
 6. Students violating the district code of conduct will be ineligible until they have complied with all disciplinary sanctions.
 7. If a student is deemed academically ineligible for two straight weeks, the student may (at the discretion of the coach) be removed from the team.

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