

Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities as a part of a school's educational program is a privilege and not a right. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance which are identified in the District Code of Conduct and/or established by the Colorado High School Activities Association. The material that follows defines student participation, student eligibility, and student transfer requirements as stated by the State Legislature and the Colorado High School Activities Association.

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. "School district of residence" means the school district in which a student resides.
4. "School of participation" means a school in which the student participates in an activity but is not the student's school of attendance.
5. "School of residence" means the St. Vrain Valley School attendance area in which a student resides.

Participation in activities

All students meeting eligibility requirements may participate in extracurricular activities at their school of attendance. Subject to the same eligibility requirements, the District shall allow students enrolled in any school (including charter schools, nonpublic schools and home schools) 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 choose to participate at another public school in the district of attendance or district of residence. When choosing, the student must choose the school that offers the greatest number of activities in which the student wishes to participate. If the original school of participation chosen by the student does not offer an activity in which the student wishes to participate, the student may participate in activities at more than one school of participation during the same school year.

If an activity is not offered by either 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. However the District will choose the specific school of participation. When choosing, that district must choose the school that offers the greatest number of activities in which a student wishes to participate.

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.

The District shall require students enrolled at charter schools, nonpublic schools and home schools to participate at their school of residence unless activities in which the students wish to participate are not offered at that school.

Students who are residents of the school district but who are being educated in a home school may participate provided they comply with all laws governing non-public home-based education.

The following students shall be eligible to participate in activities at schools within the District provided they meet the eligibility requirements for participation:

1. District students who want to participate in an activity at their school of residence in the District.
2. Students from other school districts which have boundaries contiguous to this District may participate if the district of residence does not sponsor the particular activity.
3. Students who are residents of this school district but who are being educated in a non-public home-based program may participate provided they comply with all laws governing non-public home-based education and meet all CHSAA and District eligibility requirements.
4. Students who are residents of the District but who are being educated in an independent or parochial school if the school in which the student is enrolled does not sponsor the activity.

Eligibility requirements

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.

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. A student must first pay any penalty assessed at the school of attendance or participation before regaining eligibility to participate at another school.

Participation Fee

Non-enrolled students participating in District activities shall pay the same fee charged enrolled students for activity participation.

Transfer students

If a student transfers enrollment to another school without an accompanying change of domicile by the student's parent or guardian, the student's eligibility to participate is determined by the District's eligibility requirements and Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) rules.

CHSAA requirements

Eligibility requirements as published by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) shall be observed by all students at the high school level. Additional eligibility requirements may be imposed by the school district for both high school and middle school students.

Such eligibility requirements shall include good citizenship, acceptable academic standing, parental permission and good health (sports only). All eligibility requirements shall be published in applicable student/parent/guardian handbooks.

Student participation in an activity through any amateur association or league that is not a member of Colorado High School Activities Association (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.

Appeal

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

As an alternative, a student may bypass the appeal process by filing a request for binding arbitration with the school district or entity issuing the sanction or finding. The cost associated with the arbitration procedure shall be shared according to state law.

The parties shall select an arbitrator and proceed as provided in state law. Students may not appeal a coach's team rules that are uniformly applied to all team members.

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JJ, Student Activities (Cocurricular and Extracurricular)
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