

This district will follow all current and subsequent eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities, as set forth by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). All students wishing to participate in extracurricular activity must meet the eligibility requirements for that activity, as established by IHSAA.

Student participants in all extracurricular activities, including athletics, of this district will uphold and comply with training policies, which are designed to allow the maximum benefit from participation in the extracurricular activities.

Student participants will not have in their possession or use tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia. Any student involved with any of these substances or items shall be dealt with in compliance with Policy 579 Code of Conduct.

### **TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

Coaches and/or advisors are expected to set reasonable standards for continued eligibility, including, but not limited to, training and other participation requirements, academic performance, and sportsmanship. Such standards will be in writing and distributed to the students at the beginning of the sports season or enrollment period. Student participants in all extracurricular activities are expected to comply with such requirements. Coaches and/or advisors may suspend students for failing to comply with training and participation requirements.

During any suspension period, the student will be required to adhere to training rules and practice sessions. The student will be required to attend home events. A student suspended from athletics may not dress down with the team or travel with the team to away contests during the period of suspension.

### **PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

When students participate in extra-curricular activities during the school day and miss classes they must meet *additional eligibility requirements* as outlined herein.

Extra-curricular activities are activities outside of or in addition to the regular academic courses or curriculum of the school.

Schools are provided primarily to educate students through the classroom curriculum and instruction. As such, it is expected that students will first be responsible for the requirements of the classroom. Extra-curricular opportunities are a natural extension of classroom activities and student participation is encouraged as long as it does not interfere with the primary function of the school and the student's learning.

To participate *during the school day* in extra-curricular activities a student must first demonstrate that they have satisfied the primary intent of school and are performing satisfactorily in the

specific classes they will miss. A student will be declared eligible to participate during the school day in extra-curricular activities on a course (classroom) by course basis for those courses (classes) that he/she will miss. For any class, or portion of a class, missed during the school day for an extra-curricular activity, the student must demonstrate that he/she is currently passing the class with a grade of “C” or better and has no unresolved behavioral referrals. The grade must be determined three (3) days before the trip. As an example, if the trip leaves at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday the grade must be reported by 2:30 p.m. on Monday. If it cannot be demonstrated that the student is satisfactorily passing his/her class and demonstrating proper deportment, he/she will be declared ineligible and will not be allowed to participate or attend during the school day in the extra-curricular event until the student is receiving a “C” and/or has resolved any behavioral referrals.

**Exceptions for During the School Day**

*A student remains eligible* to participate in the extra-curricular event, if he/she continues to meet the “after-school” IHSAA standards referenced in paragraph #1 of this policy and the following circumstances apply:

1. The student and the team is participating in sanctioned IHSAA play-offs or championship contests.
2. The student is participating in an activity that is clearly a requirement of classroom instruction and his/her grade will be effected if he/she does not attend.

Under no circumstances will a student who is currently suspended or in in-house suspension (even if the suspension does not affect the course that will be missed) and has not spent one full attendance day back in school, be considered eligible to participate in or attend the extra-curricular event. Such ineligibility will not be overruled by the above stated exception.

Any question about the application of this policy will be determined by the principal of the school and his/her decision will be final.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-512(12)

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