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STUDENT ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and ability in the students during their school years and for their lifetime.

However, students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity and must conduct themselves in accordance with student conduct policies.

Student activity events must be approved by the superintendent unless they involve unusual travel expense, in which case the board will take action. The events must not disrupt the education program or other school district operations.

Eligibility requirements as published by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) shall be observed by all students. Additional eligibility requirements may be imposed by the school district at the board's discretion.

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 handbooks.

The student must maintain satisfactory conduct, as determined by the building principal. (In any event, if the student is convicted of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether actual court judgment is withheld, the student should be disqualified from participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities).

Any student who is sanctioned or is found by the school district or NSAA to be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity may appeal the sanction or finding in accordance with the student due process policy.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for each school activity.

According to Rule 10, section '004.02C': "Pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade do not participate in any kinds of athletic contests between schools within a school system or between school systems except that elementary school systems having seventh and eighth grade athletics may include sixth grade boys or girls when combined enrollment for seventh and eighth grade becomes fewer than 12 boys or 12 girls and if the school board or local governing body has a policy regulating participation for sixth graders."

As such, this board policy allows for the participation of 6th grade girls in junior high athletics when the combined enrollment of girls in 7th grade and 8th grade is less than 12 girls, and allows for the participation of 6th grade boys in junior high athletics when the combined enrollment of boys in 7th grade and 8th grade is less than 12 boys. In order for 6th grade students to participate in

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athletic competitions, a signed parent/guardian permission form giving permission for the student to participate in junior high athletics is required.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. Sect, 1681-1683; 1685-1686 (1994).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 106.41 (1993)
Neb. Statute 79-296, 79-443

Cross Reference: 502 Student Attendance
504 Student Rights and Responsibilities
505 Student Discipline
506 Student Activities
508 Student Health and Wellbeing