

## 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.

If any student, in grades 7-12, is failing one or more classes on the last day of the school week, the student will be placed on academic probation for the upcoming week. If the student fails to raise his grades to a passing level (70% or better), the student will be declared ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities for the ensuing calendar week. The ineligible student will remain on the ineligible list, on a weekly basis, until such time that the student's grades are considered passing (70% or better). Conversely, if the student does raise his grades to 70% or better during the probationary week, the student will be declared eligible for participation.

Any music student who is academically ineligible will be allowed to participate in the large ensembles (choir or band) for a concert at Wakefield School. The music student will be excluded from all other performances, including but not limited to: small ensembles, solos, swing choir, glees. Conference choir or band, honor choirs and bands, pep band, and district music are considered extra events and will not be attended by an ineligible student.

It is the teacher's responsibility to report to the high school principal, on the Monday following each week, all students who are failing in order that the student and parents/guardians can be notified. A list of all students on the probationary and/or ineligible list will be posted in the teachers' workroom and will be updated on a weekly basis.

The Superintendent and/or High School Principal have the authority to make exceptions to the policy in the event of extenuating circumstances.

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

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 Well-Being

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