

5300-R Activities Participation Eligibility

The General Rules of Eligibility, for both participation and academics, of the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) apply to students in Grades 9-12 who participate in senior high school activities. These rules are listed in the Wyoming High School Activities Association Official Handbook.

Each member school or school district shall establish participation criteria for all activity participants which may extend beyond, but not supplant the existing WHSAA rules (WHSAA Rule 6.1.4). Students of all grade levels are also governed by building standards as well as this policy and regulation. For the purposes of this regulation, "activities" means any school-sponsored activity sanctioned by the WHSAA and which is voluntary on the part of the students.

Campbell County School District (CCSD) has guidelines for students, their attendance area boundaries, and the feeder school system from elementary to junior high to high school. A student attending their first practice or first day of school (whichever comes first) at a CCSD high school will establish their eligibility at that school. Any student approved for an attendance area change request after they have had a practice or attended that high school will not be eligible to participate at the varsity level for any athletic team or activity at the receiving CCSD high school for one year from the date of enrollment. An attendance area change request will not be used for athletic/activities reasons. Parents and students may ask the receiving principal for an athletic/activities exception based on extenuating circumstances.

Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) strongly discourages transfers for athletic/activities reasons. The WHSAA Transfer Rules (Rule 6.4.0 thru Rule 6.4.93) are preventative in nature and are devised to eliminate the incentive to transfer schools when a motivation is for athletic/activities purposes and after a student has initially attended the school of his/her choice. The purpose of the WHSAA transfer rules is to protect, not inhibit students who participate in athletic/activities competition. The transfer rule protects students who have previously participated in athletic/activities competition at a member school from being replaced by students who transfer for athletic/activities purposes. The transfer rule encourages fair play, discourages the excess and abuse of overenthusiastic promotion, and protects the integrity of interscholastic activities programs for the member schools and their students.

Wyoming High School Activities Association rules, including the transfer rule, can be found at www.whsaa.org/handbook/Handbook.pdf

I. Academic Eligibility

All students in Grades 9-12 must meet at least the minimum requirements of the WHSAA for credits earned and courses enrolled in. If a specific school establishes more stringent standards, student participation will be governed by that building's requirements. Students in Grades K-12 must meet standards set by their school. Campbell County School District students in Grades 9-12 participating in activities are required to maintain a grade equivalent of 70% or C- or higher in all classes with the allowance of one D- grade or 60% in one class. Students in Grades 7-8 participating in activities are required to maintain a grade equivalent of 70% or C- or higher in all classes.

A student who fails to meet this eligibility standard may be required to practice while attempting to become eligible; but cannot travel, be in uniform during contests, and/or compete in contests until this eligibility standard is re-established. Once the student has proven to the coach/sponsor by a written note from the teacher(s) that they have re-established this eligibility standard in all classes, they will be eligible to participate in competitions.

II. Attendance

A. Attendance - Day of Activity

A student must be in regular class attendance all of the scheduled school day up to the time of the scheduled activity in order to participate in the activity. Any exception for a doctor appointment, parent request, or critical family emergency must be cleared with a building principal or the building director of activities prior to participation.

B. Illness

A student will not participate in any student activity practice or contest if he/she was absent any portion of the day of the activity because of illness or extended time in nurses' care. A student under a doctor's care due to illness or injury is not to participate in a student activity without the doctor's written medical release.

C. Out of School Suspension

Students suspended out of school may not practice or participate until the suspension period ends.

III. In-School Discipline and Suspension Program (IDSP) Assignment – (IDP) Activities Suspension Grade 7-12.

A student assigned to the IDSP for any infraction will be:

~~A. Under the rules and regulations of the school he/she attends.~~

~~B. Subject to the following activity consequences (except as noted in Item IV. E. Exceptions):~~

~~1. First offense – activity warning~~

~~2. Second offense – activity probation (can practice but cannot compete)~~

~~3. Third offense – activity suspension~~

~~While assigned to IDSP for the first or second time, students will be eligible to participate in practice. Participation in competition following the IDSP assignment will be dictated by the individual activity's regulations and expectations. A student on his/her third IDSP assignment will be considered on activity suspension and will be ineligible for any activity until cleared by the K-12 director of activities or the building principal.~~

~~Activity suspension may be up to 90 school days. A meeting or contact involving the parents/guardians, the student, and the director of activities will be convened or made to determine the conditions of suspension.~~

~~Exceptions:~~

~~Some offenses carry an automatic activity probation or suspension on the first or second offense. Such offenses include:~~

~~A. Possession, use, being under the influence, transfer or dispensing of any alcoholic beverage while on school premises or on a school-sponsored activity;~~

~~B. Use of tobacco products while on school premises or on a school-sponsored activity;~~

~~C. Vandalism to school property or vandalism to any property while on a school-sponsored activity;~~

~~D. Stealing while under the supervision of the school;~~

~~E. Possession, use, being under the influence, transfer or dispensing of any substance prohibited by the Controlled Substance Act of 1971, or misuse of any drug, including transfer or dispensing, while on school premises or on a school-sponsored activity; or~~

~~F. WEAPONS – Violation of Policy 5260 Weapons.~~

~~Further, if a student is a participant in an interscholastic activity and is caught by a School District employee, or is convicted in the courts as being in violation of law concerning Items A through F above while not under school jurisdiction, the appropriate penalty will apply.~~

Activity participants assigned to IDP are suspended from competitions in their activity until they have completed the IDP assignment. Practice while in IDP is permitted. Participation in competition following the IDP assignment will be dictated by the individual activity's regulations and expectations.

The building principal or director of activities has the discretionary authority to shorten the term of a student's activity ~~probation or~~ suspension. There must be strong reason to believe such alteration of term will result in a positive outcome. Examples of when this discretionary authority might be utilized include:

A. When an adjustment is a facet of an Individual Education Plan (IEP);

B. When an adjustment is recommended as a result of counseling received from a school counselor or psychologist or a private psychologist;

C. When an adjustment is recommended as a result of joint efforts by the school guidance staff and another public agency (Department of Family Services, juvenile court, etc.); and

D. When a student has demonstrated good behavior.

IV. Activity Regulations, Expectations, and Training Rules

The activity sponsor will develop regulations, expectations, and training rules for his/her activity. The rules are to be in writing and approved by the building-level activities director. A copy will be given to each participant and kept on file with the building level activities director.

Campbell County School District Activity Code will apply to all Grade 7-12 students participating in sanctioned Wyoming High School Activities Association activities/athletics.

Further, if a student is a participant in an interscholastic activity and is caught by a school district employee, or is convicted in the courts as being in violation of law, while not under school jurisdiction, the appropriate CCSD Activity Code consequence will apply.

V. Student Trips

Students on school-sponsored trips are under the jurisdiction of school authorities. The sponsor has full authority over students in his/her charge. All activity participants will dress and conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to their school and community. Students are to be transported by means of school-authorized transportation to the activity. All vehicles are to be covered by insurance and are to be supervised.

On out-of-town trips, students will return home or to the school on school-authorized transportation except under the following conditions:

- A. If parents wish to have their child travel home with them from an out-of-town activity, they must ~~request permission from the building principal or activities office and~~ provide a note saying they are relieving the sponsor of all responsibility for the return trip. The parents should arrange this with the sponsor prior to the activity trip **whenever possible**.
- B. ~~Parents may obtain permission from the building principal or activities office for their child to be released to another adult at the conclusion of an out-of-town activity by completing a Liability Waiver Form prior to the activity trip.~~
Students may not ride home with anyone other than their legal guardians unless parents wish to have their child released to another adult (21 or older) after an activity. A CCSD Liability Waiver Form, from the building activities director's office should be completed and approved at least 48 hours before the activity trip begins. The coach/sponsor will have the receiving adult sign and date the form before releasing the student.
- C. The principal or sponsor has the right to revoke permission if circumstances change or if additional information makes questionable the authenticity of the reason for the request.
- D. If the student violates the intent of this policy, he/she may not again obtain such permission other than for verified emergency situations.

VI. Special Education - Non-Academic and Extracurricular Services and Activities

Special needs students will be given equal opportunity to participate with non-disabled students in non-academic and extracurricular services and activities, including physical education courses, intramural and inter-scholastic athletics, and clubs sponsored by the District. District guidelines are to be followed for such participation.

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LEGAL REFERENCE(S): WHSAA Rules and Regulations

CROSS REFERENCE(S): Policy 5300

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION: