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## PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

At the discretion of the local member school, alternative instruction students may be granted permission to participate in interscholastic contests offered through the schools. Students in grades 9-12 who enroll in an alternative instruction program may elect to participate in high school co-curricular activities, subject to the following criteria.

1. Demonstrate compliance concerning academic student eligibility. All alternative instruction students must submit grade and attendance documentation every Semester during participation, including the semester prior to the beginning of participation.
2. Comply with the Meade School District 46-1 and Sturgis Brown High School eligibility requirements including alternative instruction attendance requirements.
3. Provide documentation of the SDCL 13-27-3 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE REQUEST and nationally standardized achievement tests in grades tested under the state testing program.
4. Satisfying the responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as expected of other student participants as a condition for both the initial acceptance and continued membership in the activity including but not limited to:
  - a. All Meade School District 46-1 and Sturgis Brown High School training rules/or conduct will be applicable.
  - b. In order to be eligible to audition for and/or participate in music, forensic, publication, or drama contests at the local, regional or state level, the student must be currently enrolled and attending the Sturgis Brown High School parallel class (if one exists). (i.e. vocal music, instrumental music, orchestra, journalism, yearbook, debate, oral interpretation, or drama.)
  - c. A student who is a member of the Sturgis Brown High School team may not participate in games, tryouts, etc. in that particular sport during the same season on an independent or non-high school team as a member of any "all-star" team, or completely unattached on an individual basis.
  - d. All references to calendar shall refer to the calendar of the member school where the alternative instruction student is participating.

5. The alternative instruction student may transfer participation one time from another SDHSAA member school and maintain their eligibility provided they meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in this policy. If the student transfer occurs after the first day of school, the student would become eligible following the 45 school days. (NOTE: This would be consistent with the current by-laws of the SDHSAA applicable to open enrollment students.)
6. A student who leaves an accredited school for any reason to enter an alternative instruction program shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one year, beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program. Re-enrollment in Sturgis Brown High School shall not nullify the year of ineligibility.
7. Resident alternative instruction students may be allowed to participate in athletic and/or fine art activities provided they enroll in and attend classes that equal to 25% enrollment (one (1) full academic credit) in the Meade School District. Non-resident alternative instruction students may be allowed to participate in athletic and/or fine art activities provided they enroll in classes that are equal to 50% enrollment (two (2) full academic credits) in the Meade School District.

Considering there are different schedule configurations (example: semester 4 x 4 block, modified block, traditional seven (7) period day, online courses, etc.), administration will have discretion to develop schedule scenarios that adhere to the spirit of this rule.

Alternative Instruction students will verify with the Sturgis Brown High School Activities office that they meet the conditions set forth by the SDHSAA. The alternative instruction student will have to have on file in the Sturgis Brown High School Activities office the SDHSAA ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST FOR ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS.

This checklist will have to be filled out and filed on an annual basis prior to competition.

Legal REFS: SDCL 13-36-4; 13-36-7  
South Dakota Policy Reference Manual (Revised June 2003)

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