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PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

Alternative instruction students as defined by SDCL § 13-27-3 shall be allowed to participate in District athletics, fine arts, or activities if so required by SDCL § 13-36-7. SDCL § 13-36-7 provides that the District shall allow participation in athletics, fine arts, or activities for a child being provided alternative instruction within the district in which the child resides.

Alternative instruction students who reside in the District choose to participate in athletics, fine arts, or activities in the District are subject to the following criteria:

1. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall submit proof of age when participating in athletics, fine arts, or activities.
2. Any child being provided with alternative instruction and participating in South Dakota High School Activities Association activities shall be held to the same local training rules and South Dakota High School Activities Association transfer and non-academic eligibility rules as enrolled students. The alternative instruction child must also satisfy the state or national eligibility requirements, 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 all Meade School District 46-1 and Sturgis Brown High School training rules/or conduct will be applicable.
3. Before the current season of the sport or activity the alternative instruction child is participating in, the parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall provide the appropriate District official with a copy of a transcript of the previous semester's completed coursework that is issued by the parent, guardian, or other person in control of the child.
4. The parent, guardian, or other person in control of a child being provided alternative instruction shall notify the appropriate District official if the child becomes ineligible under South Dakota High School Activities Association or local school rules in so far as those standards apply to SDCL § 13-27-3.
5. SDCL § 13-27-3 does not confer any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity. However, any enrolled student who leaves the District during

the course of the school year and who will be provided alternative instruction is ineligible for participation in interscholastic activities for the balance of the current season of the sport or activity the student is participating in at the time of notification of alternative instruction.

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 Sturgis Brown High School. 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 13-27-3; 13-36-4; 13-36-7
South Dakota Policy Reference Manual (Revised August 2021)

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