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In a continued effort to assist students in the Natrona County School District to develop their intellectual potential, the Board of Trustees has by virtue of this policy, increased the eligibility requirements for participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as governed by the Wyoming High School Activities Association. This supports the efforts of recent years in regard to improving standards in curriculum and raising the achievement level of students in the Natrona County School District.

The philosophy of strengthening the eligibility requirements is not to render students ineligible for activities. By monitoring grades weekly it is believed we will not only provide increased academic standards, but will, hopefully, contribute to the academic success of each student involved. Once a deficiency is identified, academic counseling and remediation will commence immediately.

The following activities eligibility regulations become effective at the beginning of each school year and fall activities season in accordance with the dates established by the Wyoming High School Activities Association and Natrona County School District.

HIGH SCHOOL Students-The activities eligibility regulations of Natrona County School District (NCSD) and activities eligibility rules of the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) shall govern a student's activities eligibility requirements while participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities aligned with or sanctioned by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Students-The activities eligibility regulations of Natrona County School District shall govern a student's activities eligibility requirements while participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities aligned with Wyoming High School Activities Association sanctioned activities.

## **I. Natrona County School District Activities Eligibility Regulations:**

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

A. A high school student must be passing all classes plus meet all Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) eligibility requirements in order to maintain academic eligibility, regardless of the number of subjects taken.

B. Grades for high school students participating in co-curricular & extra-curricular sports & activities will be checked weekly on Wednesday after the first full week of each semester.

- Good Academic Standing is a high school student with no failing grades on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade check report.
- Academic Warning is a high school student with one week of failing grades on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade check report and may practice, participate in competitions and travel.
- Academic ineligibility is a high school student with two or more consecutive weeks of failing grades on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade check report may practice but not participate in competitions or travel.

C. A mandatory intervention-is required for students entering their third consecutive week of academic activities ineligibility. The coach or sponsor will initiate the intervention process with a recommendation of school staff and resources necessary to help the student regain academic eligibility.

D. A high school student may use summer school classes to meet the minimum requirements of the eligibility policy of the Natrona County School District and the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA).

E. A high school student must meet or exceed Natrona County School District and the Wyoming High School Activities Association activities eligibility requirements at semester in order to be eligible to participate in an activities competition in the next semester.

F. A high school student may practice while ineligible with permission of the sponsor or coach, but may not appear publicly in competition or travel under school auspices to such competition.

G. Special education students will be expected to meet the same activity eligibility requirements as regular education students since each student, through child study committee action, is placed into an individualized educational program that is designed for academic success.

H. Poor conduct, poor attendance or inappropriate behavior, as determined by the school administrator, shall be grounds for ineligibility. This statement pertains to general conduct, not just the particular activity in which the student is involved.

I. Transfer students from out-of-district must meet WHSAA and Natrona County School District eligibility standards.

J. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the head principal.

K. A student enrolled in non-traditional courses e.g. BOCES classes, Work Study... must contact the activities director/assistant principal and school counselor when a non-traditional course is dropped. Dropping a course may impact activities eligibility.

L. It is up to each school's head principal to add to the minimum standards as long as they are clearly defined by the head principal and the students are given those standards in writing. The new eligibility standards must be consistently monitored and applied to the students participating in all NCSD and WHSAA co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and sports offered at the school.

## **II. Natrona County School District Activities Eligibility Regulations:**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A. A middle level school student must be passing all classes in order to maintain academic eligibility regardless of the number of subjects taken.

B. Grades for middle level school students participating in co-curricular & extra-curricular sports & activities will be checked weekly on Wednesday after the first full week of each quarter, the beginning of a new school year and each subsequent quarter.

- Good Academic Standing is a middle level student with no failing grades on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade check report. Is a middle level student who improved the status of all grades to passing while on academic warning.
- Academic Warning is a middle level student with a failing grade on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade report. The student has from Wednesday until Friday at 3pm of the same week to complete the work required to improve all grades to a passing status verified by the teacher and head principal or designee. The student may practice, participate in competitions and travel while on academic warning.
- Academic Ineligibility is a middle school student with a failing grade on the weekly Wednesday activities eligibility grade report and failed to improve all grades during the same week to passing by Friday at 3pm. The student may practice but not participate in competitions, sit on the bench, stand on the sideline or travel with the team.

C. A mandatory intervention is required for students entering their third consecutive week of academic ineligibility. The coach or sponsor will initiate the intervention process with a recommendation of school staff and resources necessary to help the student regain academic eligibility.

D. A middle level school student with one or more failing grades at the end of a quarter is ineligible the first week of the new quarter.

E. A student may practice while ineligible with permission of the sponsor or coach, but may not appear publicly in competition or travel under school auspices to such competition.

F. A middle level school student is eligible to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at the beginning of a new school year and fall sports/activities season if the student meets the activities eligibility rules of Natrona County School District.

G. Special education students will be expected to meet the same activity eligibility requirements as regular education students since each student, through child study committee action, is placed into an individualized educational program that is designed for academic success.

H. Poor conduct, poor attendance or inappropriate behavior, as determined by the school administrator, shall be grounds for ineligibility. This statement pertains to general conduct, not just the particular activity in which the student is involved.

I. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the head principal.

J. It is up to each school's head principal to add to the minimum standards as long as they are clearly defined by the head principal-and the students are given those standards in writing. The new eligibility standard must be consistently monitored and applied to the students participating in all NCSA co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and sports offered at the school.

### **III. Wyoming High School Activities Association Eligibility Requirements (partial list):**

A. In order to be eligible for any level of interscholastic competition, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester and received passing grades during that semester in subjects that earn a minimum of 2.5 credits or equivalent and 5.0 credits per year toward graduation. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.1)

- B. A student must be enrolled in not less than 20 class hours of work per week. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.2)
- C. A student must be passing in five solid subjects (three solid subjects in an accelerated block schedule) at the time of contest. A passing grade is considered to be the passing grade of the individual school. As defined, a solid subject meets five days a week or its equivalent for the entire semester and for which one-half Carnegie units are granted. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.50)
- D. A student shall be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester for the purpose of becoming eligible. Deficiencies, including incompletes, conditions and failures for the previous semester may be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, correspondence, or tutoring for qualification purposes. The makeup work must match the class where the failure occurred (ex. If an online class is taken, Algebra I for Algebra I, etc.). Credit needs to be approved by the student's school district. The student will not become eligible until all deficiencies from the previous semester have been made up to meet Rules 6.2.1 – 6.2.3.
- E. A student ineligible because of scholastic deficiencies from the previous semester shall not be eligible until all grades have been verified by a school official on or after the last day of the current semester provided they have met requirements. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.60)
- F. A student who is suspended or expelled from high school during a semester and who does not finish the semester is ineligible during all of his/her next semester since his/her record for the previous semester is incomplete (WHSAA Rule 6.2.7)
- G. High school students taking college classes will be allowed to count the college classes toward the required five solid subjects/twenty hours of work per week, if the student has the approval of the school. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.8)
- H. A special education student is eligible to participate upon verification by the student's high school principal that he/she is proceeding in a satisfactory manner towards the educational goals established for him/her. (WHSAA Rule 6.2.90)
- I. WHSAA eligibility rules regarding Home School Students and combination school agreements please refer to the WHSAA handbook rules 6.2.91 and 6.2.92 respectively, at [whsaa.org](http://whsaa.org), general links, click on handbook.
- J. For a comprehensive list of WHSAA activities eligibility requirements go to [WHSAA.org](http://whsaa.org) and go to General Links, then to Handbook <http://www.whsaa.org/handbook/handbook.asp>.