

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Participation in school-sponsored activities, clubs, teams and organizations shall be in accordance with Board policies JJA and JJJ. In addition to requirements of those policies, the following minimum eligibility standards will govern participation, whether by students enrolled in the district's schools, or by home educated, charter or private school students.

**A. Elementary and Middle School Students** Elementary and middle school students shall be eligible to participate in school-sponsored organizations and activities based upon age-appropriate criteria approved by the principal. Students/parents will be provided copies of such criteria prior to student participation. Any league requirements shall also apply.

**B. High School** High school students shall be eligible for participation in school-sponsored organizations and activities under the following guidelines:

### 1. Academic

- Eligibility for participation is based upon review of grades from the previous academic quarter.
- Students failing in more than 2 course(s) in a full course load shall be ineligible for participation the following academic quarter. Students taking less than a full class load must pass all courses to maintain eligibility. A failing grade is defined as lower than a numerical grade of 70.
- Students may re-establish eligibility for fall semester organizations/activities through successful completion of an approved summer school program in the area previously failed.
- Some specific organizations (e.g. National Honor Society) may impose additional academic requirements.

### 2. Conduct

- Conduct expectations for participation in school organizations and activities are specified in the behavioral and disciplinary policies established by the Board policies.
- Should serious or chronic behavioral infractions occur, students participating in school-sponsored organizations/activities will be subject to a probationary hearing. This hearing will be conducted by the relevant advisor/coach and attended by an administrator, the student and parent(s). Eligibility for further participation will be determined following the hearing.
- See also Board policy JJIC.

### 3. Attendance

- Students participating in school-sponsored activities/organizations shall comply with all attendance requirements mandated by State law and regulation as well as Board policies, and those of any applicable outside organization.
- Should serious or chronic attendance infractions occur, students participating in school-sponsored organizations/activities will be subject to a probationary hearing. This hearing will be conducted by the relevant advisor/coach and attended by an administrator, the student

and parent(s). An appeals shall be conducted in accordance with board policy JJA, and, if applicable, JICD.

- See also Board policy JJIC.

#### 4. Athletics

In addition to the minimum eligibility requirements above, those students participating in school-sponsored athletics must comply with rules and standards established by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA), Board policies JJIB and JJIC, the school's athletic code, and the school district's policies regarding physical examinations and transportation.

#### **Legal References:**

15 U.S.C.

RSA 359-C:19-21 \* Rig\_\_\_\_

N.H. Dept. of Ed. Admin. Rule – Ed

***Legal References Disclaimer:*** *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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