

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION BY ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS

Students who participate in alternative instruction, i.e. who are home schooled, shall have the opportunity to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities if they meet the requirements of state law, the South Dakota High School Activities Association, and district policy, including all regulations specified in the student handbooks.

The purposes of these regulations are two-fold: (a) to allow alternative instruction students to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities and (b) to offer alternative instruction students an opportunity to participate in district co-curricular and interscholastic activities while remaining fair and equitable to students who regularly attend school at the Montrose School District. Nothing in this section confers any vested right in any student wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity to be selected for competition in such activity.

As a condition of participation, the alternative instruction student in grades 9-12

1. Shall have a completed alternative instruction application and certificate on file with the Montrose School District;

2. Shall demonstrate compliance with CHAPTER 1, PART IV — *Student Eligibility* — and CHAPTER II, PART I — *Further Eligibility for Athletic Contests* — of the *SDHSAA Eligibility Checklist for Alternative Instruction Students*. Compliance with this provision must be demonstrated annually.

3. Shall be enrolled in the Montrose School District during the entire year in which the student participates in the extracurricular/co-curricular activity and

- a. Attends a minimum of two (2) academic class periods per day (2-50 minute periods/per semester) at Montrose High School;
- b. Meets with the principal to finalize a class schedule;
- c. Attends classes that grant academic credit, one of which must include a 'core' course at the Montrose School District (core courses are those within the areas of Science, Math, English and Social Studies);
- d. Maintains passing grades in all classes enrolled in, not to exceed the number required of regularly enrolled students;
- e. Remains in the two courses for the entire year, even if their preferred activity is held entirely within the fall or spring semester. (Failure to remain in courses for the entire year shall eliminate their future eligibility for co-curricular/interscholastic activities.);
- f. Meets all attendance requirements as outlined in Montrose School District board policy;
- g. On the day of participation in any interscholastic competition, the alternative instruction student must have attended both class periods that day in order to be eligible to compete in the contest;
- h. Enrolls in the gradual progression of courses based on previous enrollment if the alternative instruction student is choosing to participate in Vocal and Instrumental Music. (In order to be eligible to audition for and participate

in a Region Music Contest, All-State Chorus, All-State Orchestra or All-State Band, the student must currently be enrolled and attending the school district's parallel musical organization, i.e., vocal music, band, orchestra. This rule is identical to the rule that applies to all students attending a SDHSAA member school.);

- i. Meets and follows all training rules and codes of conduct set forth by the Montrose School District;
- j. Have an annual physical examination completed prior to participate on any athletic team;
- k. Be at least 14 years of age if entering the senior year of high school (The student will be classified as freshmen for course requirement purposes.)

3. No student will have any athletic/fine arts eligibility after his or her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday as per SDHSAA Eligibility Requirements.

4. 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 (1) year beginning on the date the student enters the alternative instruction program.

5. Any student, who was unable to maintain academic eligibility in an accredited school, shall be ineligible to participate as an alternative instruction student for a period of one (1) year. After one year, the student may regain eligibility per the school district's policy.

6. Junior high students will be eligible for co-curricular/ extra-curricular activities in a commensurate fashion with the senior high regulations.

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