

SUMMARY OF KEY PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY ITEMS REGARDING STUDENT ACTIVITIES FY 20

Section 1: Age and Enrollment Rules

To be eligible during a school semester for participation in interscholastic activities, a student must:

- be at least 14 years of age by August 15th of the current school year (for high school/ASAA activities)
- be properly registered in the school where the student will participate,
- be actively working in a minimum of five content areas, or the equivalent as entered upon the official transcript at the school of eligibility that lead to completion of graduation requirements.
- be in regular attendance in classes at the school in which enrolled.
- a student who becomes nineteen years by August 1, of the current year, shall be ineligible for inter-scholastic competition. (for ASAA activities)
- a pupil may not be permitted to participate in a practice session or to represent his or her school in athletics, cheerleading, or other strenuous activities until there is a medical examination on file annually. (A waiver of this policy must be granted by the BSSD Student Activities Office.)

This policy constitutes minimums and may be strengthened at the site level.

Section 2: Academic and Attendance Eligibility Rules

In order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities during any quarter a student must:

- Meet “Adequate Progress” as outlined on the Adequate Quarterly Progress Report form. (measured at the midpoint and end of each quarter)
- establish an average daily attendance of no less than 80% (based on Powerschool data) to be measured at the eligibility check. It is the daily attendance percentage for the eligibility period, not for the entire year.

- be in full day attendance on the day of an activity and on the day of travel for an activity,
- maintain appropriate behavior as per school rules,
- have no in-school or out-of-school suspensions during the week of the event/travel including the day of the event/travel.

Eligibility Lists for Sports and Cheerleading (ASAA Activities only)

- A master eligibility roster listing all participants in each sport and cheerleading must be prepared on the form provided (see ASAA Forms). Failure to submit this form **before** the first contest will result in a fine from ASAA (see current ASAA Handbook for penalty length).
- A copy of the master eligibility list must also be sent to the Region 1 Executive Secretary (Jeff Erickson).
- Any additions or deletions to the master eligibility list must be filed as an addendum to the master eligibility list before an individual is allowed to participate.

The BSSD Activities Office encourages all sites to have weekly eligibility requirements.

Section 3: Tobacco, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy

In order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities during any semester, a student must be tobacco, alcohol and drug free. If it is determined by the site administrator that a student has possessed, distributed, or used tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs during the school year, the following guidelines will be enforced for all participating high school students.

The BSSD will mirror the ASAA alcohol, tobacco and controlled substance policy. Please see the ASAA Handbook for policy specifics (<http://playforkeepsalaska.org/overview/policy/>).

General topics:

1. Prohibited Conduct: The possession, distribution, or use of any tobacco, controlled substance or alcohol products by a student-athlete or activity participant, whether it occurs on or off school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein.
2. Time Period During Which Policies Apply: The policy in this section applies to any student who is participating or has participated in interscholastic activities starting from the student's first participation in interscholastic activities **or** the first day of high school, whichever comes

first. This policy applies during school year “calendar days”. It will begin July 26, 2017 for those students beginning Cross Country practice, and the first day of school for all others.

3. Cumulative and Progressive Penalties: Violations of this policy will be cumulative and progressive throughout a student’s high school years.

4. Penalties for Violation of this Policy:

1st Offense	<u>10 calendar day suspension from interscholastic activities and practices*</u>
2nd Offense	<u>45 calendar day suspension from interscholastic activities and practices*</u>
3rd Offense	<u>Suspension from interscholastic activities and practices* for 6 calendar months</u>
4th Offense	<u>Suspension from interscholastic activities and practices* for 1 calendar year (Also any subsequent offenses.)</u>

*Practices may continue after ASAA educational component is completed by the student and parent(s).

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

All drug and alcohol infractions will be reported to the ASAA and BSSD Activities Office within 2 days of confirmation. The Suspension form SA-9 must be sent to the BSSD Activities Director with all relevant information completed. The BSSD Activities Office will track all non-TAD suspensions and notify of start/end dates of the suspension period.

Section 4: Travel

Student travel is a privilege, not a right. Because all students who travel have greater liability, the BSSD has higher expectations of them when they travel than when they are at home. Due to this fact there will be greater consequences for violations of BSSD policies when traveling. For any violation of BSSD policy the violator will be returned home at the earliest convenience. Their school will be charged for the return ticket price and they will be suspended from any BSSD student activities for 45 calendar days. The entire Christmas break and any other school closure days will not be counted in the 45 days. Normal weekends will count. Additional penalties may be levied depending on severity of the offense.

These policies constitute minimums and may be strengthened at the site level.

Section 5: Waiver

A principal, or his designee, may apply for waiver for an individual student with mitigating circumstances. The waiver form (SA-6) must be submitted to the Activities Director (Jeff Erickson) in writing stating the reason for the waiver and how this waiver will benefit the student's overall development.

Waiver of any ASAA policy should be directed to ASAA.

Section 5: Sport/Activity Guidelines

- **Sunday Contest or Event Rule:** Interscholastic events or contests may not be held on Sunday. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of one contest of a scheduled series, and the series cannot be rescheduled at a later date, the BSSD Activities Director may request of the ASAA Executive Director that a Sunday contest is sanctioned. Transportation difficulties (in scheduling games) may be a reason for requesting a waiver to allow schools to schedule a Sunday contest.
- **Practice:** Ten separate days of physical practice in a sport are required before a student may compete in that seasonal sport activity. Practice may be conducted on Saturday, but not on Sunday. **Note:** Overlapping sport seasons qualify for waiver of five days of practice in some sports. See ASAA Handbook.
- **Maximum Games Prior to Qualification for State Tournament:** The listed activities have a maximum number of games or matches that can be played during the regular season. Check the policy manual for more specifics.
 - **Basketball** - Boys and Girls (22 games, or 19 games and one individual tournament of three or more games excluding Regional and State)
 - **Wrestling** - 30 matches excluding Regional and State
 - **Volleyball** - 22 matches excluding Regional and State
- **Qualification of Coaches:** Coaches must pass a background check and preference will be given to applicants in a certificated position followed by regular employees of the school district in which they coach. Others may be considered if necessary.

- **Coaches Certification:** Coaches are required to receive certification through the ASAA Coaches Certification course. This will be mandatory prior to the first competition of their respective season. No contests or travel will be scheduled without a certificated coach.
- **First Aid/Concussion:** A current Basic First Aid Card and Concussion Education certification is required for the year 2017-18 for all coaches. Coaches that are newly hired have thirty (30) days in which to get these. They are available through the online ASAA Coaches Certification program (www.asaa.org).

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SECTION OUTLINES BSSD GUIDELINES. FURTHER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES CAN BE FOUND IN THE 2019-20 ASAA HANDBOOK OR WEBSITE (www.asaa.org), AS WELL AS NECESSARY FORMS. ADDITIONALLY, SITES MAY STRENGTHEN OR ADD POLICY TO BETTER SUIT THEIR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL.