

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Application and Information Guidelines Regarding Student Athletics Participation for Secondary Schools

The Clark County School District sponsors a varied activities program for all students enrolled in the secondary schools. Student participation in one of these programs is governed by rules and regulations established by the District and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. These guidelines have been developed to provide for:

1. Specific academic qualifications for students before they are allowed to participate in athletics.
2. The uniform organization and management of each sponsored activity.
3. The safety and welfare of each student participant.
4. The protection of individual student rights.
5. The instruction in the essential skills and attitudes needed for participation.

Establishment and Maintenance of Initial Secondary Student Eligibility

A. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This regulation shall apply to all regular education students who represent the schools by participating in any interscholastic athletic competition.

Special education students shall have their eligibility requirements determined by an IEP committee, under guidelines developed by the Student Support Services Division. Such guidelines will provide for consistency in the development and implementation of eligibility standards for special education students. Compliance with or deviation from eligibility rules are documented on the Special Education Student Activities Eligibility Section of the student's IEP.

1. To participate in any interscholastic athletic activity sponsored by the District, an individual must be officially enrolled in a member school of the District.
2. Students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in courses having a minimum credit value of three (3) units. Students in grade 12 must be enrolled in courses having a minimum credit value of two (2) units. Students in grades 9 through 12 must pass a minimum of two (2) units of credit during the immediately preceding semester.
3. A student in grades 9-12, except a first semester ninth grader, must have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for all classes during the immediate

a 2.0 GPA the immediate preceding semester will be ineligible for participation for the ensuing nine-week grading period. If at the end of the nine-week grading period a student regains a 2.0 GPA, he/she will be eligible for the ensuing grading period.

4. A student must maintain a passing academic grade in all courses during the sports season. Progress will be checked once every three (3) weeks once a student is on an official roster.
5. A student may enroll for one unit of credit per semester in post-secondary, summer school, night school or correspondence course work and receive credit for the satisfactory completion of that course work toward satisfaction of academic eligibility requirements if the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled has provided written approval that the course will be accepted by the member or affiliate school toward the student's graduation requirements.
6. The pupil shall not, after enrolling in the ninth grade, be eligible for more than four (4) years or eight (8) consecutive semesters, nor shall he/she be eligible to participate in more than four (4) seasons of any one sport.
7. A student whose twentieth birthday occurs during any sport season (fall, winter, spring) is ineligible to participate in that particular sport and all others occurring thereafter.
8. Student eligibility will begin at the close of school the day OMR sheets are due in the Central Information Services department as published on the grade reporting calendar.

B. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Residence eligibility is determined by the established attendance zone for each secondary school. A student establishes zone residency when the parent or legal guardian of the student resides within the specific zone attendance boundaries and the student physically resides with the legal guardian. In all cases in this regulation, the word "parent" refers to parent(s) who hold legal custody of a student. For the purpose of eligibility, a legal guardian is a person with whom the student physically resides and who has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction for one of the two following reasons:

GUARDIAN

1. A student shall be eligible in the zone where the parent or legal guardian resides. Any change of residence of the parent or legal guardian shall require that the student apply for the re-establishment of eligibility in the new zone. The application must include proof of abandonment of previous residence and proof that the student physically resides with the parent or legal guardian in the new residence.
2. If the student's parent(s) are both living, but not living together, the parent with whom the student physically resides must provide, in addition to the proof stated above, a certified copy of the Order or Decree from a court of competent jurisdiction establishing that parent has been awarded physical custody of the student.

3. CHANGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY MEANS OF A ZONE VARIANCE

Any student, regardless of age, who receives a zone variance to a high school in a zone other than the one in which the parent or legal guardian resides, shall not be eligible to participate for one (1) calendar year from the date of enrollment.

Exception: A student who attends a public school who has complied with the Board Policies and Regulations of the student's school district concerning approval of a zone variance, and who has completed and received approval from the NIAA of the One Time Transfer Waiver Form set forth in the NIAA Reference Manual, shall be entitled to transfer with sub-varsity athletic eligibility only.

2. TRANSFERS FROM PUBLIC TO PRIVATE AND PRIVATE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

1. A student entering the ninth grade of the public school he/she is zoned to attend or any nonpublic school has established his/her eligibility to participate at that school. At the time of entering the

D. TRANSFERS FROM SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. A student who transfers into the District must show evidence of having successfully met the eligibility requirements of the school of last attendance.
2. If the student also meets the eligibility requirements established by the District and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, he/she may apply for eligibility by submitting a Student Eligibility Transfer Waiver to the Director of Student Athletics.

E. OTHER TRANSFERS

1. Regardless of any District transfer rule, no student shall participate, practice, or play for more than one (1) school within the county during any one (1) sport season. The three (3) sport seasons, as defined by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, are fall, winter, and spring.
2. Students enrolled in special education programs such as Seriously Emotionally Handicapped (SEH), Mentally Handicapped Specialized (MHS), Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), and Severe Oral Language Handicapped (SOLH) in schools other than their regular zoned junior or senior high school and approved for such placement in that specialized program by a review committee of the Department of Special Student Services will be eligible to participate in athletics and other student activities as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

Magnet School Eligibility

Students enrolled in a Magnet School within a school or at Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center (SNVTC) must:

1. Be accepted and meet the standards for the special program.
2. Meet all application requirements and deadlines.

Students approved for a waiver who take less than a standard course load or drop from this program will become automatically ineligible at the magnet school for 180 school days. If a student chooses to return to their school of residence, they would be ineligible for the remainder of that school year and for 180 school days in any sport in which he/she appeared on an NIAA roster during his/her attendance at the magnet school or SNVTC.

A student who is accepted to, and thereafter attends, a magnet school which does not offer a comprehensive athletic program may retain eligibility at the student's school of residence to participate in any sport not offered at the magnet school.

Rule Violations for Students Participating in Interscholastic Athletics

A. RECRUITING

1. The primary obligation of each coach is to those students who are enrolled in that coach's school. Any coach found guilty of recruiting students from outside that school's zone shall be suspended from coaching duties for one (1) calendar year.
2. Recruiting is defined as inducing, soliciting, or in any manner using undue influence for the purposes of securing or encouraging a student and/or a student's parent or guardian to withdraw the student from his present school for purposes of enrolling in a different school for athletic reasons. Undue influence is defined by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to mean "offers of or acceptance of: financial aid to parents, guardians, or student; reduced or eliminated tuition and/or fees; any special privileges not accorded to other students, whether athletes or nonathletes; transportation allowances; preference in job assignments, room, board, or clothing."

B. SCHOOL SHOPPING

1. School shopping shall be defined as the process by which a student athlete, or parent or legal guardian of a student athlete, attempts to circumvent any eli-

A student who has been declared ineligible for violation of training or citizenship rules carries this ineligibility to any school in the District to which the student transfers. Such transferring student shall not become eligible until the end of the ineligible period as specified by the principal of the school of original enrollment.

D. FALSIFICATION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS

Falsification of any part of the registration record by the student can result in the student being made ineligible for two (2) calendar years.

Medical and Insurance Eligibility Requirements for Students Participating in Interscholastic Athletics

- A. Some sponsored activities conducted in the District require evidence of medical acceptability. When an activity requires such a record, a medical examination which certifies that the physical condition of the student will permit participation in the selected activity must be completed by a physician.
- B. If a physical condition or injury, either prior to or during the completion of the activity program, warrants a referral to a physician, a medical release from a physician must be filed at the school before the student will be permitted participation rights.
- C. Each student who engages in any activity that requires evidence of insurance must have on file a statement which shows insurance coverage equal to the recommended amount offered to the students of the District.

Loss of Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

A. VIOLATION OF TRAINING RULES

1. Tobacco - Any student using tobacco will be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a minimum of one (1) week.

2. Alcoholic Beverages - Any student using or in possession of an alcoholic beverage will be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a period not to exceed 90 academic days. A student may appeal for full eligibility after a 45 academic day suspension.
3. Controlled Substance and Narcotics - Any student using or in possession of a controlled substance and/or narcotic will be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a period of 180 academic days. A student has the right to appeal for full eligibility after a 90 academic day suspension.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for all Students Impacted by This Regulation

A. POOR ATTENDANCE

1. Absence - Any student absent from class on the day of an activity will not be permitted participation that day or evening unless an excuse has been granted, in advance, by the principal.
2. Truancy - Any student who is declared truant will be ineligible for a period of one (1) week after the infraction is discovered.

B. GOOD CITIZENSHIP

1. School Discipline Referral - Any student referred to the office for school rule violations may be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a period to be determined by the school principal. This eligibility suspension will not exceed one (1) school year.
2. School Law Enforcement Referral - Any student referred to law enforcement authorities by school officials for school rule violations may be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a period determined by the principal. This eligibility suspension will not exceed one (1) school year.
3. Arrest - Any student who is arrested for a felony or gross misdemeanor during school hours, school functions, and on the way to or from participating in a school event may be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular activities for a period determined by the principal. This eligibility suspension will not exceed one (1) school year.

C. PARTICIPATION ON INDEPENDENT TEAMS

Participation - If, during the school year and while a member of a high school team or squad, the student participates on an organized team engaged in the same sport, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. The high school coach for that sport must give his/her support and approval that this type of activity is not interfering with the high school team.
2. The pupil must count each non-school competition event as one of the allowable contests for that sport.

D. ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

I will meet any special requirements adopted by my school.

E. STUDENT APPEAL PROCEDURES

I understand that all Clark County student athletes have the right of due process and may appeal any ruling according to the Clark County student appeals procedure.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the eligibility guidelines as printed and make application for permission to participate in the interscholastic activities program which is sponsored by the Clark County School District and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. I understand that in order to be eligible for participation I must comply with all requirements as listed.

Please sign and return after you have read this information.

Date _____

PRINT Name of Student

School _____ Grade _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE