

School District of La Crosse



CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES CODE

for participants and parents



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DISTRICT LEVEL ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Membership

1. Chaired by high school activity directors.
2. Two Diversity Representatives
3. Three middle school athletic directors.
4. One middle school principal/associate principal (rotates between the three middle schools).
5. Two middle schools staff persons (one group B and one at large - rotated on an alphabetical basis).
6. Four high school staff persons (two from each high school Activities/Athletics).
7. One elementary school administrator.
8. Three representatives from district elementary teachers.
9. District Wide Parent Committee Representative and Parent Representative.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The School District of La Crosse believes that its primary responsibility is to provide excellence in education for all children and to assure that each will be a successful student. The District will devote its energies and resources to achieve this goal within the means of the community. Our objective is to provide students with instruction in subjects which are necessary to develop skills for successful and productive lives and to stimulate the development of intellectual capabilities, emotional well being, productive citizenship and each individual's potential.

MISSION STATEMENT

Co-Curricular school programs are intended to enrich student learning and development through activities which foster emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

BROAD GOALS

1. Serve the varied needs, interests, and abilities of district students.
2. Provide outlets for student energies and provide a place to succeed.
3. Allow students to acquire new skills and enhance existing ones.
4. Enhance peer and adult interaction and cooperation.
5. Provide activities, which bring students together for mutual expressions.
6. Help students develop responsibility, leadership and skills of competition.
7. Provide opportunities for the expression of gifted and talented abilities.
8. Provide a means of entertainment for the community.
9. Provide the community identification and pride in their schools.
10. Encourage lifetime interests in programs begun in school.

POLICY STATEMENT (IGD) Adopted May 15, 1990

The School District of La Crosse believes that a program of activities outside the school curriculum is a valuable adjunct to the regular school program of studies. Therefore, the Board of Education encourages programs that expand upon experiences begun in the classroom and that enhance the school climate.

"The School District of La Crosse does not discriminate against pupils or adults on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, socio-economic status, marital or parental status, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, citizenship, military service, membership in the National Guard, state defense force, or any other reserve component of the military forces of Wisconsin or the United States, political affiliation, or any other factor prohibited by state and federal law."

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR CO-CURRICULAR POLICY

REVIEWED BY BOE VICE-PRESIDENT
AUGUST 3, 1998

1. The Co-Curricular Activities Council will serve as a liaison between school level activities councils and the Superintendents/Board of Education in matters of a programmatic nature, i.e. scope, participation, staffing and budget. In addition, the council will review the activity code and its interpretation on an annual basis.
2. School level activities councils will be established in each middle school and high school.
3. The membership and chair designations of the District Co-Curricular Activities Council and the school level activities councils shall be defined in the District Co-Curricular Activities Code.
4. The District Co-Curricular Activities Code shall prescribe the scope and operation of the athletic/activity programs.
5. The Principal/Activities Directors will recommend coaches for specific sports to the Director of Personnel with final approval by the Board of Education.
6. The negotiated agreement between the La Crosse Education Association and the Board of Education/School District of La Crosse will contain the approval list of coaching and co-curricular positions and their compensation.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- A. A high school student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
- B. A student may not compete in an organized sport outside of school at the same time they are participating in that sport in school.
- C. WIAA Physical or Alternate Year Card is required for students participating in interscholastic athletics. Exams taken after April 1st are good for the following two school years. Exams taken before April 1st are good for the remainder of the school year and the following school year. In years when a physical exam is not required, a WIAA approved alternate year athletic permit card must be turned in.
- D. Insurance and Activities Code Verification Card signed annually by both student and parents, which indicates an understanding of the activity code and district's insurance policy. Each participant must turn in this card before the first day of practice.
- E. Emergency Medical Card signed annually by both student and parents, which serves as consent to treat in case of emergency. Each participant must turn in this card before the first day of practice.
- F. Concussion Awareness Card signed each season by student and parents, per State Law. Each participant must turn in this card before the first day of practice.

Student Accident Insurance

Board of Education Policy JHA will be followed which states, "the School District of La Crosse does not provide student accident insurance for medical cost." The School Board strongly encourages all parents or guardians to provide adequate accident/medical insurance for their children.

ACADEMICS

A. Standards

- 1. A student in grades 6-12 may not have more than one failure per quarter.
- 2. Students must have achieved a quarterly grade point average (GPA) of 1.5 and pass four (4) classes for the semester.
- 3. Students in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent of five (5) assigned classes per semester. (Study halls will not be considered assigned classes).

B. Guidelines

- 1. Students who are under academic suspension are allowed to practice at the discretion of the advisor/coach with the approval of the activity director.
- 2. Students are responsible for any schoolwork missed due to co-curricular activities. They are expected to make every effort to contact the instructor prior to the absence.
- 3. Grades of incomplete are viewed as F's when computing student GPA, unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by an administrator. Grades will be immediately re-averaged upon satisfaction of the incomplete(s).

"The school determines whether the semester grade or the grade reporting period grade will be used at the end of the semester, BUT the semester grade MUST be used if it is a failure or an incomplete." - WIAA

"A student who is enrolled in any state-approved special education program and who receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP." - WIAA

C. Process for Regaining Academic Eligibility

- 1. A student not meeting grade standards shall be ineligible for competition for a period of not less than 15 consecutively scheduled school days, including the next competition. When the earliest allowed competition/performance takes place before the first day of classes, the rule will read as follows: The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/activities/meets allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction). A student may be reinstated if at the end of the ineligible period he/she is passing all classes in the new quarter and has made up all incomplete(s) from the last grading period and has a 1.5 GPA or better. If the student is still ineligible after the first 15 day period, the student will be responsible for taking a grading sheet to each of his/her teachers between the 16th and 30th day of the quarter and return it to the Activities Director to verify that he/she is passing all classes. The coach will not reinstate this student until they get written confirmation from the Activities Director. If the

student is still ineligible after 30 consecutive school days, the student will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of the season.

ATTENDANCE

I. Athletics

- A. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during a sport season makes a student ineligible for the next contest unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by an administrator.
- B. A student must be present for at least one-half of the school day to participate in practice or a scheduled contest on that day unless approved by an administrator.
- C. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, as determined by the activity director or a principal, a student is required to be in class the day after an athletic contest.

II. Music and Performance Groups

- A. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during the week of a competition/performance makes a student ineligible for that week's competition/performance unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by an administrator.
- B. A student must be present for at least one-half of the school day to participate in practice or a scheduled competition/performance on that day unless approved by an administrator.
- C. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, as determined by the activity director or a principal, a student is required to be in class the day after a competition/performance.

Conduct Resulting in Violations

- A. The use, possession, buying or selling drugs and/or alcohol.
- B. The use, possession, buying or selling tobacco products including electronic tobacco products.
- C. The attendance at functions where alcohol and drugs are being consumed.
- D. Conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school and the WIAA, including but not limited to criminal behavior and/or violation of the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities.

Consequences for Code Violations

All co-curricular programs with 7 or more consequence opportunities (games, competitions, performances, etc.) will follow the percentage model for code violations related to **alcohol/drug use and/or possession**.

1st Offense is 50% of consequence opportunities for season reduced to 20% with successful completion of awareness class.

2nd Offense is 100% of consequence opportunities for season reduced to 50% with successful completion of extensive educational course.

3rd Offense is one year suspension from co-curricular activities from date of offense.

Notes:

- When the consequence exceeds the number of remaining consequence opportunities the consequence will be carried over to the next season.
- If fractions occur when determining the number of consequences the number will be rounded up. The Director of Activities reserves the right to determine the appropriate number of events. Community service or some other form of consequence may be applied to maintain fairness and consistency. In all cases at least one event must be missed.
- A self-referral will result in the consequence being reduced by 50%; however, one event must be missed.
- Co-curricular programs with less than 8 consequence opportunities will use the standard school rules for behavior related to alcohol/drug use and/or possession. The School District of La Crosse Co-curricular code may be used as a guide.

Tobacco Use/Possession	1 st Offense 1 event, 2 nd Offense 2 events, 3 rd Offense 3 events
Attendance at Gathering	1 event per offense
Violation of Student Code of Rights and/or Conduct Contrary	Community Service to Expulsion from Co-curricular Activities

When a student is on school grounds or at school related events in the possession of and/or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the ultimate consequence will be doubled and there will be no option for self-referral.

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

- A. IN SPORT/ACTIVITY SEASON VIOLATION - suspension begins once determination of violation is made.
- B. OUT OF SPORT/ACTIVITY VIOLATION - suspension begins first day of practice.
- C. If a suspension results in missing a WIAA tournament event the entire WIAA Tournament series applies.
- D. A student who is suspended for a code violation may have to forfeit all school awards for the activity season in which he/she was participating at the time of the infraction. It will be the decision of the Activities Director and Coaches to include or exclude a student who is suspended for a code violation from receiving school awards for the activity season in which he/she was participating at the time of the infraction. See Appendix D for District Lettering Policy.
- E. Penalties will be cumulative over a two (2) school year period. This is for determining second and third violation consequences. A student must have a clear record for two (2) years consecutively before subsequent violations are considered a first violation.
- F. For athletics, student's suspension will be based on WIAA games allowed guidelines.
- G. For activities, students will be suspended for full day of competition/performance.
- H. Scrimmages will not count as part of a suspension.
- I. The student will be required to practice with the group during the suspension
- J. A student who is in more than one co-curricular activity when a consequence for a code violation is applied will be subject to consequences for all activities they are currently participating in.
- K. When a student misses a competition or performance during a season for a conduct code violation, they will be required to complete the season in good standing in order to fulfill their code violation obligation.

Upon receipt of a reported violation, the activities director will meet with the student involved to determine the validity of the report. The activity director will conduct a review of the situation. A building administrator will make a final decision and inform the parents by telephone or mail of the consequences. Students and parents involved will be notified of the Gundersen Plan Awareness Program. See Appendix B.

SELF-REFERRAL POLICY

Students who voluntarily report their own alcohol and drug related Activities Code violations to the Activities Director will have their resulting consequences reduced by 50%. The following guidelines must be followed when making the self-referral:

1. Must be made prior to questioning by an Administrator.
2. Must be done within 72 hours of the violation.
3. Can be used only for first time code violations.
4. Must not have participated in a competition between violation and referral

Note: When a code violation results in a one competition/performance consequences the Activities Director will have the discretion to determine appropriate consequences when a self-referral is made.

ATHLETICS

I. Changing Sports

- A. An athlete may not quit one sport and begin another during the same season except by agreement of the coaches involved and/or the school activity director.
- B. A student cut from one sport may try out for another sport providing he/she was in good standing in the previous sport.
- C. Athletes cannot participate in more than one sport at the same time in the same season except for Dance Team and Cheerleading. They can participate only after approval of advisor/coaches and parents.

II. Athletic Injuries and Their Care

- A. All injuries must be reported to the supervising coach and/or certified athletic trainer immediately. The athletic trainer will file the appropriate injury report within 48 hours. The injury reports should be turned over to the activity director at the conclusion of each season.
- B. In the case of any emergency, students will be sent to the nearest hospital, unless parents have indicated a specific hospital for treatment.
- C. The activity office should be informed by parents/guardians prior to participation, of an athlete who has any special medical problems.

- D. If an injury has been discovered after the athlete has returned home from a practice or competition, the coach and athletic trainer should be notified as soon as possible.

APPENDIX A

COULEE YOUTH CENTER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Coulee Youth Center Plan has been used since 2010-2011 and replaces the Gundersen Awareness Class.

- Two teen-intervention sessions are provided.
- The student and at least one parent or other significant adult will need to attend one of the sessions.
- Short-term and long-term goals are established.
- Parents will be advised of other programs
- Students and parents will complete a brief evaluation of the program.

When a student has code violation consequences in excess of one year they may request reinstatement following a pre-approved intensive drug/alcohol rehabilitation program. The reinstatement will follow the one year suspension and must also include regular drug testing at the family's expense. If the student violates this time the reinstatement privilege will be revoked.

APPENDIX B

APPEAL PROCEDURE

1. After a rule of ineligibility resulting in suspension from an activity has been made, a student and/or his/her parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the principal/activities director provided an appeal is received within 14 school days of the first day such ineligibility became effective. Students will **NOT** be allowed to compete during the appeal process. They must practice. Notice will be sent to the principal.
2. Within three school days of receipt of such written appeal, the principal/activities director shall formalize the ineligibility decision in writing and send a letter by registered mail to the parents/student outlining the specific details relating to (a) the violation or infraction, (b) the date of violation or infraction, (c) the period of suspension, and (d) other pertinent information.
3. After the appeal has been received and the school's formal reply mailed to the parents/student, a date for a hearing will be established by the principal or his/her designee. Such date shall be no later than seven school days after receipt of the written appeal of the student and/or his/her parents. Present at the hearing will be the coach/advisor, an administrator who is on the co-curricular committee, student, parent(s)/guardian(s) and other staff deemed appropriate by the School District. The Activities Director not involved in the original appeal will conduct the proceedings. That Activities Director, after consultation with the Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, will render an appeal decision within four (4) days of the hearings.
 - a. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on his/her behalf at the hearing.
 - b. Proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and his/her parents.
4. If the student and his/her parents are not satisfied with the findings of the hearing, a second hearing may be requested before the Superintendent or his/her designee. The principal must receive in writing a request for such a second hearing before the Superintendent or his/her designee within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the original hearing.

Note: Provisions as outlined in the preceding page, including items a and b, will be applicable to the second hearing.
5. The provisions, as outlined above, shall be the sole and exclusive means for appeal from the rulings referred to in paragraph one.

APPENDIX D
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE - VARSITY ATHLETIC LETTERING POLICY

I. An Athlete must:

- A) Be a member of a Varsity Team or four year participant
- B) Complete the season in good standing.
- C) Not have had an alcohol, drug or tobacco related code violation during the season of competition or have had the violation determined during the season of competition.

II. Coaches are encouraged to consider:

- A) Seniors who have participated in the program for four years.
- B) Only athletes who have participated in a minimum of 40% of varsity competitions/performances.

III. Sport specific criteria determined by coach must be achieved.

- Athletes who have not met the above criteria may still letter with approval from the Activities Director.

TRAVEL

- There are co-curricular activities offered in the La Crosse District that practice/perform off site. As a participant in one of these activities, the student and/or parent/guardian may be responsible for transportation to and from practice within the city of La Crosse.
- See Appendix C for out of District Travel Policy

SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAVEL POLICIES AND FORMS

Electing Not to Use District or Parent/Guardian Provided Transportation

A parent/guardian may opt out of district-provided transportation and *permit a non-parent or guardian to provide alternative transportation*, however this option is strongly discouraged. The district will not request, solicit, or condone this form of alternative transportation.

If the parent/guardian does decide to opt out of district-provided transportation the parent/guardian must inform the trip leader in advance of their intentions to opt out.

Parents may do so by completion of the Travel Decline Form. In choosing to opt out of district provided transportation, the district will be released from all responsibility and liability for the child's well being.

When district transportation is not provided

If the School District does not provide transportation to or from an event, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to arrange safe transportation. District personnel may not request, solicit, or condone any alternative (non -district provided) transportation for any reason. When district transportation is not provided for an event outside the district, student participation is voluntary.

Approved by the Superintendent's Advisory Team: 06/08/05

School District of La Crosse Co-Curricular Transportation Decline Form

I _____ will decline district provided co-curricular
(Name of Parent/Guardian)

Transportation for _____ on _____
(Name of Student) (Date of Event)

The sole purpose of this form is to allow parents to decline transportation provided by the School District of La Crosse for Co-curricular events. In no way does this form signify approval of alternate transportation. Once this form is signed the School District of La Crosse is released from liability and supervision of the above named student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Original to Coach/Advisor)

2013-2014 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and _____
(School)

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2013-2014 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school

unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition any any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer (must conclude by July 31 for fall soccer), softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY SIGN-OFF FORM – 2013-2014

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

School Name		
Parent/Guardian’s Signature	Please Print Name	Date
Student-Athlete’s Signature	Please Print Name	Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.