

Code: **IGDJA**  
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## **District Athletic Eligibility**

The Board believes that participation in district athletics complements, reinforces and extends academic programs and offers opportunities for students to grow physically, intellectually and socially. Participation is a privilege, not a right, and students are expected to meet and maintain district eligibility standards in order to participate. Failure to meet and maintain academic achievement, satisfactory attendance and desirable behavior, as measured by district criteria, may result in discipline including probation, suspension and/or removal from the activity.

As a member of Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), in all activity matters, the district will adhere to NIAA policies and Regulations. (See LDS Policy JFCIB and IGDJA-AR)

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s): NIAA Board of Control Regulations  
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683; 34 CFR Part 106 (2000).

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## **District Athletic/Activities Eligibility**

The following eligibility requirements apply to students who participate in district sanctioned athletic activities including cheerleading and dance team. Participating students are required to demonstrate desirable behavior, satisfactory attendance and academic progress as determined by the following district criteria:

1. **Behavior:** Participants are expected to model exemplary behavior. Students in violation of a severe disciplinary infraction or who establish a pattern of noncompliance as defined by the student code of conduct or the athletic handbook will have the incident(s) reviewed by the administration. The administrative review may result in discipline up to and including being declared ineligible to participate in district activities for a length of time to be determined by the administration;
2. **Attendance:** Any partial or full day unexcused absence the day of an activity will result in ineligibility for that activity.  
A pattern of irregular attendance may be reviewed by the administration at any time and may result in short-term or long-term activity ineligibility as determined by the administrative review.
3. **Academics:** In addition to the Nevada School Activities Association (NIAA), minimum eligibility requirements, participating students are required to be passing all classes for each eligibility period. A student who is ineligible until such time as correction of the identified deficiency can be demonstrated to the administration. Exceptions may be made by the administration for student athletes enrolled in honors or advanced placement classes and for students on individualized education programs (IEPs).  
The school administration will:
  - a. Provide appropriate communications for school staff to facilitate effective and equitable implementation of the policy;
  - b. Develop and distribute information regarding staff, parent and student responsibilities for carrying out the policy;
  - c. Reinforce consistent and uniform grading practices;
  - d. Monitor and enforce policies and regulations that have been adopted and designed to improve academic achievement; and
  - e. Ensure that students are provided due process in all disciplinary matters.

## **Special Education Students**

Exceptions to participation requirements will be made only when the disabling condition, as identified in a student's IEP, prevents the student from achieving the required grade point average, behavior standard or attendance requirement.

## **Alternative Program Students/Charter School Students**

Flexibility will be provided for these students as it relates to transferring into and out of an alternative program/charter school. The academic, behavior and attendance requirements appropriate to the student's placement shall all apply once a student begins participation.

## **Home-Schooled Students**

Home-schooled students will be considered eligible for participation if they meet the following criteria:

1. The student is in compliance with all the Regulations governing home schooling and can provide acceptable documentation of compliance to the district;
2. The student can meet the district's eligibility requirements with the exception of attendance;
3. The student need not meet class requirements of the voluntary association administering the activity;
4. The student can achieve the minimum achievement test score required of home-schooled students. Students may participate while awaiting test results;
5. The student must fulfill the same responsibilities, standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as other students participating in the activity. The student must also comply with all public school requirements during the time of participation;
6. The student must reside in the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates.