

AR 6145 EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Surveys

Before February 1 of every third school year, the Superintendent or designee shall survey students in Intermediate - 11 to determine student interest in extracurricular recreational activities and interscholastic and interscholastic athletic activities. Before March 1 of each year, the district shall adopt a plan outlining such activities for the following year. The plan shall provide substantial equal opportunities for each sex and be based on the interests of the students. ([4 AAC 06.520](#))

"Substantial equal opportunities" shall be evaluated annually based on the following criteria: ([4 AAC 06.520](#))

1. The provision of equipment and supplies.
2. The schedule of games and practice.
3. Travel schedules and trips taken.
4. Opportunities to receive coaching.
5. Assignment of coaches and tutors.
6. Provision of locker, practice, and competitive facilities.
7. Provision of administrative support services.
8. Publicity.

A copy of the survey results and recreational/athletic activities plan shall be available for public inspection by September 15 at each school site. ([4 AAC 06.520](#))

Participation by Students Enrolled in Alternative Education Programs in Extracurricular Activities

The District is subject to [Alaska Statute 14.30.365](#), which provides that an eligible full-time student who is enrolled in grades nine through 12 in an alternative education program that is located in the state and that does not offer interscholastic activities is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activities program available in a public school.

The District may approve participation in extracurricular activities by a student in grades nine through 12 who is enrolled in an Alternative Education Program (an alternative education student), as defined by Alaska Statute 14.30.365 and the current ASAA Handbook, if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The student is a resident of the District.
2. If the student is enrolled in a home-school program and seeks to qualify as an alternative education program student for ASAA purposes, the home-school program must meet the accreditation requirements recognized by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and ASAA. For

purposes of ASAA eligibility, home-school programs accredited by Cognia are recognized as accredited alternative education programs.

3. The student fulfills all eligibility criteria required for participation in an activity by District students, in accordance with Board Policy.
4. For an ASAA-regulated activity, the student fulfills all eligibility criteria required by the current ASAA Handbook and is properly registered for participation with the student's School of Eligibility.

a. Considerations for Participation

The school principal shall cooperate with a request for participation by an alternative education student and seek to accommodate the request to the degree that accommodation does not interfere with the responsibilities to students enrolled in the District. Participation decisions shall be consistent with Alaska Statute 14.30.365, applicable Board policies and administrative regulations, and the current ASAA Handbook. In making this determination, the principal shall consider the number of District students participating, or seeking to participate, in the activity or event. The District shall accommodate the interests and participation of District students first. Participation requests cannot be granted if participation by the alternative education student requires the hiring of additional staff or coaches. If a principal denies the participation request, the parent may request that the Superintendent review the request.

b. School of Eligibility and ASAA Participation

For ASAA-regulated activities, a qualifying alternative education student shall participate through an ASAA member School of Eligibility in accordance with the current ASAA Handbook. The School of Eligibility is responsible for ensuring that the student meets applicable ASAA eligibility requirements and is properly registered for participation.

c. Participation Limits and Fees

A qualifying alternative education student who has been approved for participation will be given an equal opportunity to compete for positions and participate in extracurricular activities. For activities such as sports where students must try out for a team, the alternative education student is entitled to the same opportunity to try out and is not guaranteed a position on the team.

The student's School of Eligibility shall be determined in accordance with the current ASAA Handbook. Generally, the School of Eligibility is the public school the student would be eligible to attend based on the residence of the student's parent or legal guardian. A student may request to participate at

another public school when good cause is established and the approvals required by ASAA are obtained.

The District may require the parent or alternative education student to pay an activity fee to pay for the cost of the student's participation in the activity. Further, the District may require the payment of additional expenses, to include a pro-rata portion of transportation, coaches' stipends, and uniforms and equipment. This amount will be determined for the activity annually and notice of the amount provided to the parent/home-school prior to participation.

d. Transportation

The District shall not provide individual transportation for alternative education students to or from the school for purposes of participating in the activity. Transportation to or from the school for purposes of practice, events, or games, shall be the sole responsibility of the parent.

When the District provides transportation to and from an away competition, game, or event, and requires that District students use this transportation, alternative education students shall also be required to use this transportation.

e. Participation Requirements

The alternative education student and parent or guardian, and when applicable the alternative education program, shall:

1. Meet the same eligibility criteria required of district students, in accordance with applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.
2. Maintain appropriate insurance coverage, consistent with coverage requirements for District students.
3. Comply with Board policies, school rules, and regulations regarding extracurricular activities, athletics, and student discipline.
4. Comply with policies, rules, and regulations of ASAA.
5. Meet the attendance and reporting requirements established for all participants of the activity or program.
6. Meet the requirements for physical examinations and immunizations.
7. Comply with all requirements and directives of the District staff, coaches, and administrators involved with the extracurricular activity.

f. Responsibility

The site principal or designee of the student's School of Eligibility shall receive and review written verification from the parent or guardian and, when

applicable, the alternative education program that the student has met and continues to meet the established eligibility criteria for the extracurricular activity or sports program. The principal is authorized to collect from the student's parent or guardian actual samples of coursework (homework, examinations, etc.) as the principal deems necessary in order to determine that applicable academic standards have been met.

The District will provide the parent or guardian and, when applicable, the alternative education program with access to information regarding the District's extracurricular programs and sports, including applicable District and ASAA eligibility criteria.

While directly participating in the activity, the alternative education student shall be under the supervision of the District.

3. Participation in Extracurricular Activities by Students Below 9th Grade

Students below 9th grade may only participate in extracurricular activities if they are enrolled as a full or part-time student (in accordance with BP/AR 5111.2) in the District. All part-time students enrolled after October 1 may be required to pay a fee for the cost of their participation in the activity.

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