

SUMMARY OF SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITY RULES

District Policy JJAA/JJAA-R



*The complete Policy/Regulation is available at www.sf.k12.sd.us

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE – NOT A RIGHT

SCHOOL ACTIVITY – School activities include, but are not limited to, sanctioned and club athletics, band, cheerleading, chorus, school sponsored clubs, dance, DECA, debate, drama, drill team, JROTC, National Honor Society, oral interpretation, orchestra, royalty candidates, student council, theater, visual arts, and any other student school activities.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY EVENT – A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school activity.

THE CONSEQUENCES LISTED BELOW ARE MINIMUMS ONLY. THE ADMINISTRATOR AND COACH/ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR MAY ENFORCE A MORE SEVERE PENALTY WHICH MAY INCLUDE TERMINATION FROM SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. THE DISTRICT SUSPENSION PERIOD BEGINS ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT SCHOOL ACTIVITY EVENT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS INVOLVED.

OFFENSES	FIRST VIOLATION	SECOND VIOLATION	THIRD & SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS
Violations Involving OSS Occurring on School Property, in District Vehicles/Buses or at District Events	Lighters, matches, or any act requiring OSS that is not defined in other places.	One game or activity suspension.	One game or activity suspension.
Violations including controlled substances and drugs will follow state law or District consequences, whichever is greater. To count toward the minimum number of school activity events affected by any suspension, the student must participate in the entire season for the school activity, and may not drop out or quit to avoid suspension. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one school activity season shall carry over to the next school activity season in which the student participates. If a student commits a second violation, the consequence will be that which is listed for the second violation of the most recent offense. The same rule will apply for any subsequent violations.			
Class 4 Offenses Occurring on School Property, in District Vehicles/Buses or at District Events AND Crimes against Persons/Property away from District Property/Events Excluding lighters & matches	Bullying, harassment, hazing, destruction of property, theft, trespassing, sexual misconduct, intimidation/ threat/physical injury-student, fighting, tobacco and other inhalant devices (i.e. vape pens, e-cigarettes, etc.).	Suspension* from any school activity events for fourteen consecutive calendar days or two (2) events whichever is greater, not to exceed 25% of the regularly scheduled events for the school activity.	Suspension* from school activity events for 12 calendar months.
Class 5 Offenses Occurring on or off School Property, in District Vehicles/Buses or at District Events	Gang activity-high level, drugs and alcohol – using, possession, or being under the influence of any mood-altering chemicals, substances such as steroids, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol, or controlled substances or controlled substances without a valid prescription or other drugs, or possession of drug paraphernalia, intimidation/threat/physical injury-staff, possession of a weapon without a threat, and misuse of fire alarms/extinguishers.	Suspension* from any school activity event for fourteen consecutive calendar days or two (2) events whichever is greater, not to exceed 25% of the regularly scheduled events for the school activity. If violation is related to alcohol/drugs, the student must participate in a drug/alcohol evaluation.	Suspension* from school activity events for 28 consecutive calendar days or four (4) activity events, whichever is greater.
Class Six and Seven Offenses Occurring on School Property, in District Vehicles/Buses or at District Events	Bomb threat, fires, possession of a weapon with a threat, engaging in illegal activities, distribution of drugs or alcohol, sexual violence, endangering the lives of others/causing serious bodily injury, or possession of firearm.	Suspension* from school activity events for 28 consecutive calendar days or four (4) activity events, whichever is greater.	The student is ineligible to participate in any school activity events for the remainder of high school.

APPEAL: If it is believed that a student's rights have been violated, the suspension may be appealed by filing a written request for appeal with the Superintendent or designee within five (5) school days. The Superintendent or designee will respond in writing within five (5) school days. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process.

PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICE: Students are ineligible to participate in any school activity events during the suspension period but are allowed to participate in practices so long as the student is not suspended from class or school.

RECORD OF VIOLATIONS: Violations accumulate for one (1) year in middle school (grades 6-8). Violations accumulate for four (4) years in high school (grades 9-12). If a middle school student participates in high school activities, violations accumulate starting when the student's participation begins.

CLEAN RECORD PROVISION: Students who have one (1) violation and remain violation-free for 12 consecutive months receive a clean record. **This opportunity applies only once during a student's high school career** and does not apply to a suspension for a criminal drug conviction, adjudication, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency.

STATE LAW – SDCL 13-32-9 Participation in Extracurricular* Activities	
Violation: Drug conviction, adjudication, informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana or for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise taking into the body substances prohibited by law.	
First Violation	<p>Consequence Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA for one (1) calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency.</p> <p>Alternative A suspension** of 30 calendar days, or two SDHSAA events, whichever is longer, if the student participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor and if the assessments indicates a higher level of care, completion of the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate.***</p>
Second Violation	<p>Consequence Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA for one (1) year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency.</p> <p>Alternative A suspension** of 60 calendar days, or six SDHAA events, whichever is longer, if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. ***</p>
Third or Subsequent Violation	<p>Consequence Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency.</p> <p>Alternative None</p>
*	Extracurricular activities means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA)
**	A suspension begins on: (1) the day following the notification to a District Administrator that a student has been convicted, adjudicated, received an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or received a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency or (2) the day following the student's admission to a school administrator that the student committed an offense enumerated in subdivision (1), which shall be made with the student's parent or guardian present if the student is an unemancipated minor, and the school administrator gives notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association.
***	To count toward the minimum number of events, the student must participate in the entire activity season and may not drop out or quit the activity to avoid suspension and the failure of a student to complete the entire activity season shall result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, the subject of an internal adjustment or court approved diversion program or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one activity season shall carry over to the next activity season in which the student participates. In addition, a suspension that is reduced pursuant to SDCL 13-32-9 is only in effect during the South Dakota High School Activities Association's activity year, which begins on the first day of its first sanctioned event and concludes on the last day of its last sanctioned event. A reduced suspension that is not completed by the end of one activity year shall carry over to the next activity year.
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