

16. Extra-Curricular Activities

Policies

Purpose:

The AISU Board believes that the goals and objectives of the school are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular or required curricular program. AISU will develop a broad range of extra-curricular activities, including a variety of sports programs, in response to student and staff interests. The Board will not predetermine these activities.

Definition:

For purposes of this policy, “extra-curricular activities” shall be those activities that are sponsored or approved by the Board but are not offered for credit toward graduation. Such activities shall ordinarily be conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day, contribute to attainment of school objectives; be available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, and be subject to the eligibility requirements.

The program of interscholastic athletics including varsity sports shall be considered extra-curricular and shall be defined as all activities relating to competitive sports, contests, games, events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this school when such activities occur between schools within or outside this district.

Delegation of Responsibility:

The executive director shall be responsible for the development and administration of extra-curricular activities. Any extra-curricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this school when it has been recommended by the school and approved by the Board. The direct control of athletics in the school may be delegated by the executive director to authorized staff within the school in accordance with procedures established by the executive director.

Authority:

Interscholastic activities shall not be scheduled to conflict with any educational activity necessary for meeting the requirements of the officially approved curriculum. A faculty member of each school involved shall be present at each game or contest and shall remain with his/her group or team until it leaves the building or grounds where the event is held. Students may be required to assume all or part of the costs of the sport or activity or event including travel and attendance at extra-curricular events and trips.

Eligibility Requirements:

This policy mandates that students achieve minimum levels of academic and behavioral performance, that achievement comes first, and that the students participating in extra-curricular activities will have earned that opportunity through their educational progress and citizenship as

well as their physical skills and artistic or other talents.

1. Behavioral: Any student may be prohibited from participating in any extra-curricular activity at the direction of the principal if the student violates the attendance, citizenship, or behavior standards of the school.

2. Academic: All students entering ninth grade for the first time are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities, UHSAA or otherwise, until the end of the second report period. From the end of the second report period forward, the academic eligibility provisions for students in grades nine through twelve apply.

a) For students in grades nine through twelve, a grade point average of 2.50 will be required, calculated as a simple average.

b) The executive director or designee may grant probation to any student whose grade point average is between 2.0 and 2.49 or to any student who has one failure. Any student who petitions for probation beginning with the second report shall be considered for probation with tutoring.

c) Probation may be granted for one marking period and the student must attend tutoring while on probation.

d) Any student in grades nine through twelve who passes ALL subjects regardless of grade point average shall be granted eligibility.

e) For students in grades five through eight, failures in two or more subjects shall result in the student being declared ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities.

f) For purposes of determining academic eligibility, the mark earned in summer school shall replace the subject failure. The value of the summer school mark shall be used to calculate the grade point average of the student.

g) These standards apply to all students in grades five through twelve who are participating in extra-curricular activities including students in both regular and special education.

h) For a student transferring into the school, eligibility will be determined by the last marking period of the school the student last attended. If such marks are unobtainable, the student may participate in extra-curricular activities until future eligibility is determined by the results of the first marking period in the new school.

i) A student's parent(s) may appeal an eligibility ruling by a coach or activity or event sponsor to the executive director or designee.

j) Recruiting of students for the purpose of athletics is an unethical and unacceptable practice; however, robust athletic and extra-curricular programs should be used to both make the school more attractive to prospective students and enhance the overall development of AISU students.

Sports/Events/Activities:

Drug Use: Coaches and other school personnel must not encourage or facilitate the use of drugs, hormones, blood doping, or other similar means by students for any purpose including bodybuilding or the enhancement of athletic performance. Students must not use drugs, hormones, blood doping or other similar means for the purpose of bodybuilding or the enhancement of athletic performance. Violations of this policy will lead to disqualification of students from extra-curricular activities and disciplinary action for students or employees.