

SANCTIONED AND NON-SANCTIONED SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Level I:

A Level I activity is one that is recognized and sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) as well as the Elk Point-Jefferson School District 61-7. Participants in a Level I activity will abide by all rules and policies set forth by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS), the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) and the Elk Point-Jefferson School District 61-7. The Elk Point-Jefferson School District will assume all control over the administration of a Level I activity including, but not limited to, hiring of coaches and officials, scheduling of contests, transportation, purchasing of equipment and supplies and uniforms, maintenance of practice and competition areas and travel expenses (when necessary).

Participants in a Level I activity are eligible to receive school issued awards such as certificates, plaques, pins and monograms as well as receive recognition in the school publications.

Level II:

Level II activities are not associated with the NFHS or SDHSAA and may not be associated with any governing body. A Level II activity must be approved by the Elk Point-Jefferson School Board before they can commence activities. The Elk Point-Jefferson school district has no responsibility for a Level II activity other than allowing the use of name/colors/mascot and possibly facilities with appropriate paperwork completed and filed with the Superintendent's office.

Students participating in a Level II activity will be eligible to receive school issued awards such as certificates, plaques, pins and monograms and may receive recognition in the school publications when open pages are available. Leaders from the Level II activity must work with the Activities Director to establish lettering policies that will be maintained in the Activity Handbook and will be approved by the Elk Point-Jefferson School Board before lettering will occur.

Activities with participants that are eligible for a letter must follow board approved training rules and behavior expectations which are enforced from the date of the first practice for fall sports in early August and end after the last scheduled SDHSAA event (Girls Golf) in the beginning of June. Any violations of Elk Point-Jefferson policy that occurs within the above timeline will be reported to the Activities Director and will be subject to the consequences outlined in the Athletic Handbook. A violation that occurs outside the above timeline but still within the activity season will be addressed and enforced by the activity advisor/coach.

Participants in a Level II activity will be allowed to use the Elk Point-Jefferson name and mascot. However, all financial responsibility and personal liability will be assumed by the leadership of the Level II activity. Before approval, petitioners must prove that they are sufficiently covered with liability insurance and agree that the Elk Point-Jefferson School District has no responsibility in the event of an injury or insufficient funding to maintain the activity.

Other factors for the school board to consider when deciding to sponsor a new Level II activity:

1. Documented evidence that there is a sufficient number of students interested in the activity
2. Appropriate access to facilities within the district for practice and contests.
3. Certified or adequate coaches or sponsors are available and willing to participate
4. Comparable activities available for both male and female to comply with Title IX
5. Other relevant considerations

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DUAL CREDIT ENROLLMENT

Dual credit enrollment is an opportunity for students to apply coursework to both high school graduation requirements and post-secondary degree completion. Students must meet certain eligibility requirements to be considered for enrollment. Dual credit courses could include virtual, online or on-site courses at the post-secondary institution.

The following provisions apply to any student requesting enrollment in a dual credit course.

Eligible Students:

- Students in grades eleven (juniors) and twelve (seniors) are eligible for dual credit enrollment.
- For ENGL101/ENGL210 eligibility must have earned a B- or above in each semester of Honors English III.
- Students must have the required prerequisites for the coursework.
- Students must have no grade lower than a C- in any class, traditional, dual credit or other, as per the following:

Fall Courses: registration will be completed in March – grades from the previous fall semester will be used to determine eligibility. Spring grades will be used to determine continued eligibility. If a student records a grade below a C- for any spring course, the student registration will be dropped.

Summer Courses: registration will be completed in March – grades from the previous fall semester will be used to determine eligibility. Spring grades will be used to determine continued eligibility. If a student records a grade below a C- for any spring course, the student registration will be dropped.

Spring Courses: registration will be completed in November – grades from the previous spring semester will be used to determine eligibility. Fall grades will be used to determine continued eligibility. If a student records a grade below a C- for any fall course, the student registration will be dropped.

South Dakota Board of Regents High School Dual Credit Program

High school juniors and seniors attending a public high school within South Dakota may be eligible to receive both high school and college credit at a reduced rate. Students must meet the following requirements:

- Registration in select courses may require placement via ACT/SAT and/or Accuplacer.
- Application must be renewed for each semester of participation.
- High School Junior
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 24 OR
 - Earn a qualifying Accuplacer score (as determined by the University of South Dakota) OR
 - Rank in the upper one-third of their graduating class OR
 - Earn a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- High School Senior
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 21 OR
 - Earn a qualifying Accuplacer score (as determined by the University of South Dakota) OR
 - Rank in the upper one-half of their graduating class OR
 - Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

- High School Junior or Senior
ACT score of 18 (or 21 for USD and SDSMT) AND
Successful completion of coursework requirements: four years of English,
three years of advanced mathematics, three years of laboratory science,
three years of social studies, one year of fine arts.

Eligible Courses

- Dual credit courses may be offered by Elk Point-Jefferson instructors, distance learning providers as recognized by the South Dakota Department of Education and/or on-site post-secondary institutions. The student must obtain the school district's approval of any dual credit course or courses prior to enrolling.
- The student may enroll only in dual credit courses that are not currently offered at Elk Point-Jefferson High School, nor may the student use the dual credit class as a substitute for any specific high school graduation requirements with the following exceptions. Students must take the courses below from the South Dakota Board of Regents School listed.

"ENGL210: Introduction to Literature 210" (2nd Semester) may replace "Honors English IV" A (2nd Semester)

"ENGL101: Composition 101" (1st Semester) may replace "Honors English IV" B (1st Semester)

*Students must meet the ACT English benchmark score prior to enrolling. Class must be taken through the University of South Dakota.

"POLS100: Government" (2nd Semester) may replace "Government" (2nd Semester) . Class must be taken through Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

"HIST151: History" (1st Semester) or AP US History may replace "United States History" A (1st Semester)

"HIST152: History" (2nd Semester) or AP US History may replace "United States History" B (2nd Semester)

Class must be taken through Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

- All coursework must be taken from the University of South Dakota, unless otherwise noted above to replace specific requirements or the course is not offered at the University of South Dakota. If the class is not offered, placement will be considered through other South Dakota Board of Regent institutions.

Class Load

- Each student is required to be enrolled in at least six (6) academic courses each semester inclusive of both quarters. Each dual credit course which a student takes through or at a post-secondary institution will count to one (1) of the six (6) courses.
- Students will be limited to a maximum, combined number of dual credit and Advanced Placement courses per semester as follows: Junior – three (3), Senior (4).
- Students who have completed the junior year are eligible to enroll in dual credit classes during the summer as long as the class is not being used to satisfy Elk Point-Jefferson graduation requirements.

Credit Earned

- The eligible student may enroll only in dual credit classes that carry at least three (3) semester hours of credit. Elk Point-Jefferson High School will award 1/2 credit (1/2 Carnegie Unit) upon completion of the dual credit class of three (3), four (4) or five (5) semester hours of credit.

Cost to the Student

- The student shall be responsible for all fees, tuition, materials books and other costs associated with the course.

Curricular Eligibility (Extra-curricular and Co-curricular Activities)

- Students who are enrolled in a dual credit course are required to meet all extra- and co-curricular eligibility requirements as set forth in the extra- and co-curricular handbooks to be eligible for any curricular activities.

Grading, Class Rank and GPA

- The grades of all dual credit courses will be recorded on the student's official transcript and will be calculated into the student's grade point average and class rank. The grading scale and letter grade system of the cooperating provider will be used in the determination of letter grades and grade point average calculation.

Release from School

- Students enrolled in a dual credit course on the site of a post-secondary institution will be released from school only during the designated pass times between class periods. Students will not be permitted to leave classes early in order to attend the post-secondary institution.

Transportation

- Transportation to and from any post-secondary institution shall be the sole responsibility of the parent or student and shall not be the responsibility of the school district or its employees.

Transferring Post-secondary Credit

- It is the student's responsibility to insure that the cooperating provider or post-secondary institution send an official grade report or transcript to Elk Point-Jefferson High School. High school credit will not be issued until this documentation is received.

Attendance

- The student will be expected to meet all high school attendance requirements inclusive of tardies. If a student is enrolled in a dual credit course at a post-secondary site which only meets three (3) days per week, the student will not be required to remain at the high school during the post-secondary course's non-attendance days. She/he may leave the high school campus if this is her/his normal routine.

Dropping a Post-secondary Course

- If a student enrolls in a dual credit course and then drops from the course prior to completion regardless of the grade at the time of the drop, she/he must immediately inform the high school principal or designee. This student will be expected to resume full-time attendance at the high school and will be assigned to a study hall until the completion of the semester.
- Prior to the student enrolling in another post-secondary course, the administration and staff will review the student's performance to determine eligibility.
- Dropping the course may carry with it a failing grade as per the determination of the cooperating provider or post-secondary institution. This score will be recorded on the official transcript and calculated into the student's grade point average.

Failing a Post-secondary Course

- If a failing final course grade is received in a dual credit course, the student receiving the failure is no longer eligible to enroll for dual credit work. The failing grade will be recorded on the official transcript and calculated into the student's grade point average.

References: SDCL 13-28-7 - SDBOR/DOE "High School Dual Credit Program"

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STUDENT DRESS CODE

The board recognizes that it is the prerogative of parent(s)/guardian(s) to determine what is appropriate dress and grooming for their children in accordance with the age and grade of these students.

It is hoped that decisions made by parent(s)/guardian(s) and students in these matters, will reflect favorably upon the individual, the school, and the community.

There are certain restrictions necessary on the student's dress and grooming when such dress and grooming may create a health or safety hazard, invade the rights of others, or, be disruptive to the educational environment by detracting from the decency and decorum in school.

As an example, clothing that displays alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, gang related messages, sexual comments or pictures, etc., will not be allowed to be worn in the building during school hours or during school sponsored events (both home and away events).

Footwear must be worn at all time.

The student handbook contains a list of additional prohibited items.

It will be the responsibility of the building principal to determine violations of the intent to this policy, and to take necessary corrective action.

CROSS REFS.: Elk Point-Jefferson Student Handbooks

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PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Although the Board welcomes the use of its facilities for public events, and public visitations to the schools, the Board expects all visitors to abide by acceptable rules of conduct. To maintain public order on school property, the Board prohibits the following conduct or acts on school property by students, teachers, staff members, licensees or invitees:

1. The willful physical injury of any person or the threat to use force which would result in such injury.
2. The harassment or coercion of any person;
3. The willful damage to, or destruction of, property;
4. The willful disruption of the orderly conduct of classes or of any other school program or activity;
5. The entry of any school building or upon any portion of the school premises unless such entry is made in connection with official business with the district or to attend an activity or function authorized thereby;
6. The willful interference with the lawful and authorized activities of others;
7. The possession, consumption, or exchange of alcoholic beverages, unauthorized drugs, or narcotics on school property;
8. **The possession or use of any "tobacco products" listed in Board Policy KGC.**
9. The possession or use of a knife, razor, ice pick, explosives, loaded cane, sword cane, machete, pistol, rifle, shot gun, pellet gun, air gun, or any other object that reasonably can be considered a weapon, on property of the school district;
10. The violation of any federal or state statute, local ordinance, or Board policy;
11. The refusal or failure of any person to comply with a lawful order or direction of an official of the school district in the performance of his or her duties;
12. The distribution or posting of any written material, pamphlets, or posters without the prior written approval of the Superintendent.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:

Any violation of the above shall be reported immediately to the building principal. The principal will investigate the case thoroughly and make a written report to the Superintendent.

~~Penalties that may be imposed by the principal and/or the Superintendent include:~~

- ~~1. A reprimand;~~
- ~~2. An order by violators to leave school property immediately;~~
- ~~3. A call to police and a specified charge made under the penal code.~~

1. Violators of this policy will be informed of the policy by the school administrator, and will be directed to comply with the policy.
2. Violators of this policy who fail to comply with the policy will be directed to leave the building, grounds, or activity immediately.
3. Violators who continue to ignore the policy, or who ignore the request of the school administrator may be denied further admission to future school district events both home or away by the Superintendent or until the School Board has approved a written request from the individual to rescind the ban.
4. Violators who are hostile in their actions, will be referred to the local law enforcement personnel as governed by SDCL 13-32-6 and will also be subject to the actions in #3 above.

OTHER PENALTIES:

The penalties mentioned above are not considered to be inclusive or to preclude in any way the prosecution and conviction of any person for the violation of any federal or state law or local ordinance and the imposition of a fine or penalty provided for therein.

REF: SDCL 13-32-6. Disturbance of school as misdemeanor.

A person, whether pupil or not, who intentionally disturbs a public or nonpublic school when in session or who intentionally interferes with/or interrupts the proper order or management of a public or nonpublic school by acts of violence, boisterous conduct, or threatening language, so as to prevent the teacher or any pupil from performing his duty, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL POLICY

The Elk Point-Jefferson Board of Education recognizes that the Surgeon General of the United States has stated that tobacco products, and tobacco smoke pose a serious threat to the health and well-being of the districts' students, employees and patrons, and hereby adopts the following policy:

- A.) Prohibits the use of, or possession of any tobacco product, in the school buildings, at school sponsored activities, in school district vehicles and in school district provided transportation, including:

As used in this policy, the "tobacco products" as defined by SDCL 34-46-20; means cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco and any/all forms of tobacco; including:

- devices (electronic or otherwise) or smokeless products which resemble the smoking of tobacco
- any product or device (electronic or otherwise) that contains nicotine unless prescribed by a doctor for a nicotine cessation program
- any device (electronic or otherwise) that is used for inhaling or ingestion unless for medicinal purposes with a prescription,

- B.) This policy applies to any person(s) regardless of age and regardless of whether they may legally use the product(s).

1.) Students:

- a. Students who violate the policy will be disciplined according to the procedures outlined in the Student Handbooks.
- b. Students under eighteen (18) years of age, who violate this policy, may be reported to the local law enforcement authorities.

2.) School Employees:

- a. The school administrator who becomes aware that an employee is not complying with this policy will verbally remind the employee of this policy and ask the employee to abide by the policy in the future. A copy of the policy shall be provided to the employee.
- b. If it becomes necessary for the building principal or administrator to discipline an employee for a second or subsequent offenses, and depending on the severity of the violation; any of the following actions may be taken.
 1. A verbal reprimand.
 2. A written reprimand, which will be placed in the personnel file.
 3. Referred to Superintendent and School Board for disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to: a verbal reprimand, a written reprimand, a suspension with pay, a suspension without pay, or termination.

3.) Non-School Personnel, Spectators, Visitors, etc.:

- a. Violators of this policy will be informed of the policy by the school administrator, and will be directed to comply with the policy.
- b. Violators of this policy who fail to comply with this policy by refusing to extinguish or dispose of the tobacco products will be directed to leave the building, grounds, or activity immediately.
- c. Violators who continue to ignore the policy, or who ignore the request of the school administrator to extinguish or dispose of the tobacco products will be denied admittance to school district events. Persons who are denied admittance to school events shall be notified in writing as soon as possible following this decision.

Cross Ref: SDCL 34-46-20

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