

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. "Activity" means any extracurricular or interscholastic activity including but not limited to any academic, artistic, athletic, recreational or other related activity offered by a public school.
2. "School of attendance" means the school in which a student is enrolled and attends classes.
3. "School district of residence" means the school district in which a student resides.
4. "School of participation" means a school in which the student participates in an activity but is not the student's school of attendance.

Participation in activities

All students meeting eligibility requirements are entitled to participate in extracurricular activities at their school of attendance. Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) allows eligible students enrolled in any school (including charter schools, online education programs, nonpublic schools and home schools) to participate on an equal basis in any activity offered by the District that is not offered at a student's school of attendance or nonpublic home-based educational program, subject to the factors below. The nonpublic school has discretion whether to allow the student to participate in an activity at the nonpublic school.

If an activity is not available at a student's school of attendance or nonpublic home-based educational program, the student may participate at another public or non-public school in the district of attendance or district of residence. If an activity is not offered at the student's school of attendance and the student chooses to participate in the activity at a public school in the District, the District will choose the public school at which the student shall participate. In choosing a school, the District shall seek to maximize all students' opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities and shall consider certain factors, including but not limited to:

1. Which public school of the school district offers the most activities in which the student wishes to participate;
2. Which public school or schools of the school district are nearest to the student's residence;
3. The preferences of the student's parents or legal guardians; and
4. Such issues as may be presented for the school district's consideration by a statewide high school activities association.

A student may participate in activities at more than one school of participation during the same school year only if the original school of participation does not offer an activity in which

the student wishes to participate.

If an activity is not offered by either the district of attendance or the district of residence, the student may seek to participate in a contiguous school district or at the nearest public school that offers the activity even if the school is not in a contiguous school district. However, the district will choose the specific school of participation. When choosing, that district must choose the school that offers the greatest number of activities in which a student wishes to participate.

With regard to athletic teams, the school of participation may reserve slots for up to twice the number of starting positions on the team at each level of competition for students enrolled in the district. With regard to individual athletic activities, the school of participation may reserve slots for up to half the total number of team members at each level of competition for students enrolled in the district.

Students who are residents of the school district but who are being educated in a home school may participate provided they comply with all laws governing non-public home-based education.

Eligibility requirements

To participate in activities at a school of attendance, a student shall meet all of the requirements imposed by the school of attendance.

To participate in activities at a school of participation students must comply with:

1. All eligibility requirements imposed by the school of participation.
2. The same responsibilities and standards of behavior, including related classroom and practice requirements that apply to enrolled students.

If a student has not met all of the eligibility requirements or if the student would have become ineligible to participate at a school, the student cannot gain or regain eligibility by applying to participate in activities at another school. Any penalties assessed to the student must first be paid at the school of attendance or participation before regaining eligibility to participate at another school.

Transfer students

If a student transfers enrollment to another school without an accompanying change of domicile by the student's parent/guardian, the student's eligibility to participate is determined by the district's eligibility requirements and Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) rules.

Participation fee

The District may charge any student participating in an activity a participation fee as a prerequisite to participation. The fee amount charged a non-enrolled student shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the fee amount charged an enrolled student to participate in the activity. The District cannot charge a participation fee to any student in out-of-home placement, as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e).

CHSAA requirements

Eligibility requirements as published by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) shall be observed by all students at the high school level. Additional eligibility requirements may be imposed by the school district for both high school and middle school students.

Such eligibility requirements shall include good citizenship, acceptable academic standing, parental permission and good health (sports only). All eligibility requirements shall be published if applicable in the student/parent handbooks. Student participation in an activity through any amateur association or league that is not a member of Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) shall not prevent the student from participating or affect eligibility to participate in the same activity at any school as long as the student has the express written permission of the principal at the school of participation, the student's class attendance is not compromised and the student is in good academic standing.

Appeal

Any student who is sanctioned or is found by the school, school district or CHSAA to be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity may appeal the sanction or finding.

Students may not appeal sanctions for unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection from the activity.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-30.7-108
C.R.S. 22-32-116.5
C.R.S. 22-32-138(7)
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5(6)

CROSS REFS.: JJ, Student Activities (Cocurricular and Extracurricular)
JQ, Student Fees, Fines and Charges
JQ-E-1, Student Fees – All Schools
JQ-E-2, Elementary School Student Fees
JQ-E-3, Middle School Student Fees
JQ-E-4, High School Student Fees