

ELIGIBILITY

When co-curricular and/or interscholastic programs are scheduled during the school day, a student must be eligible according to the following guidelines of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association:

A. ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

1. School Activity: These are extra-curricular activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency, which removed the student from class for more than half a class period.
2. The total number of student activity absences allowed for one class period per student shall be ten.
3. Once a student has had ten student activity absences from any one class period, the student must be reported to the principal's office for consideration for further absences for student activities.
4. A student is expected to attend classes 90% of the time in order to participate in school sponsored activities.

B. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

(Information from OSSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS)

http://www.ossaa.com/handbook/handbook_rules.pdf

Section 1: Semester Grades

- a. A student must have received a passing grade in all five subjects counted for graduation that he/she was enrolled in during the last semester he/she attended fifteen or more days. If a student does not meet minimum scholastic standard he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first six weeks of the next semester he/she attends.
- b. A student who does not meet the above minimum scholastic standard may regain his/her eligibility by achieving passing grades in all subjects he/she is enrolled in at the end of a six-week period.
- c. Pupils enrolled for the first time must comply with the same requirements of scholarship. The passing grades required for the preceding semester should be obtained from the records in the school last attended.

Section 2: Student Eligibility during a Semester

- a. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked at the end of the third week of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter.
- b. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in at the end of a week, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes at the end of his/her probationary one-week period, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period. The eligibility periods will begin Monday and end on Sunday.
- c. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must be passing all subjects in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility under Rule 3 with the first class of the new one-week period (Monday through Sunday).
- d. "Passing grade" means work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at that time.

Section 3. Special Provisions

- a. An ineligible student who changes schools during a semester will not be eligible at the new school for a minimum period of three (3) weeks. A student may regain his/her eligibility by achieving the scholastic standard in Rule 3, Section 2-b at the end of a three (3) week period.

- b. Incomplete grades will be considered to be the same as failing grades in determining scholastic eligibility. School administrators are authorized to make an exception to this provision Rule 3, Section 3-c, if the incomplete grade was caused by an unavoidable hardship. (Example of such hardships would be illness, injury, death in family and natural disaster). (Board policy allows a maximum of two (2) weeks to apply this exception).
- c. Schools may choose to run eligibility checks on any day of the week. The period of ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked.

Section 4. Special Education Students

Special students who are enrolled in special education class, have an Individual Educational Plan and have been certified by the principal as doing a quality of work which may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, be accepted as eligible under this rule.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY

It is the policy of the Guthrie Board of Education that only those students who are fully eligible scholastically will be permitted to represent the school in any capacity. Teachers will submit eligibility lists to the office each Friday. If a student is failing in more than one solid subject, the student may not participate in any school activity during the following week. The board declares its intent to rigorously adhere to the eligibility rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. The superintendent is directed to establish a regulation governing eligibility. Such regulation, when approved by the board, shall be incorporated into this policy and become a part thereof.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY (REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall govern student activity eligibility requirements.

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

1. If you were nineteen years of age before September 1st.
2. If you have not attended classes 90% of the time for the current semester.
3. If you are not passing in all credit subjects, or did not pass in any five subjects that count toward graduation the preceding semester.
4. If you have been disqualified from a contest because of unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul. or are under school discipline. (Principal may reinstate student following a conference and after a written report of details and action taken has been filed with the OSSAA.)
5. If you have participated in a contest where professionalism is being practiced or cash or merchandise prizes were offered, given, or paid to individuals or to the team.
6. If you have participated in a contest under an assumed name.
7. If you have attended school eight semesters in grades 9 through 12.
8. If you have participated in the sport four seasons, or have had three seasons of opportunity in the sport after attending two semesters in the 9th grade.

9. If your parents are not bona fide residents of this high school district.
10. If you have participated in organized practice or a game of football or basketball before the season opens, or after the season closes.
11. If you do not have on file, in the principal's or authorized director's office, a physician's and parent's certificate for the present school year.
12. If you belong to a fraternity, sorority or secret society in violation of the State Law of Oklahoma or the regulations of the local board of education.

NOTE: There are some exceptions to the above rules. There are also additional requirements. Consult your coach or principal for additional information.

To be eligible to participate in activities involving other schools, a student must be passing in all regular classes. The student must be attending classes at least 80% of the time. This applies to all students in any school sponsored activity (basketball, FFA, FHA, music, etc.).

Any student who reaches his or her nineteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible in athletic contests or in any activity. Any student dismissed from school or regular class will not be eligible to represent the school in any activity between schools.

Any person absent during the day of an activity must have the absence accounted for prior to being eligible. If the absence is considered as a "hookey" by the administration, the student must attend at least one day of school and satisfy the requirements for same before again becoming eligible.

Any student who is under discipline or whose conduct or character is such as to reflect discredit upon the school is not eligible. Fans, school personnel, and students must conduct themselves in true sportsmanship manner. Any student participating in a contest will not be permitted to play the next game if the student was ejected from the game. A second offense will automatically disqualify that student for that sport for the rest of the season.

GPS Policy F-23

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Guthrie Board of Education believes that extracurricular activities are those activities which primarily involve students in other than classroom situations.

The board believes that participation in such activities should be available only to those students who are performing acceptable work in all other school-related areas.

Therefore, the superintendent is directed to establish a regulation, subject to approval of the board, governing participation in extracurricular activities.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(REGULATION) 1

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, these regulations shall govern extracurricular activities in the public schools:

An extracurricular activity is defined as any activity sponsored by the school and at the convenience of the school which causes students to be absent from curricular class periods.

The following are considered extracurricular activities:

1. Student government and its related activities and organization.
2. Musical festivals or contests, speech contests, debates, dramatics contests.
3. Organized activities which are part of interscholastic athletics.

4. Organized activities which are part of intramural athletics.
5. All types of interscholastic competition.
6. Special interest clubs.

In an effort to provide a reasonably safe and educationally sound extracurricular activities program, the following guidelines shall be observed:

1. Only drivers currently licensed to operate a school bus shall operate a school bus on any school-sponsored activity.
2. There must be an adult sponsor, in addition to the bus driver, for each extracurricular activity which requires school furnished transportation. With the exception of the use of the school van and a school sponsor driver.
3. All activities must be scheduled through the principal's office and placed on the calendar in the high school office. The calendar will reflect the time, place, and time of departure.
4. Students may not ride in private vehicles to or from any extracurricular activity without prior written consent of the requesting student's parent or guardian and consent of the activity's sponsor.
5. Evidence of insurance shall be required for each student who participates in an extracurricular activity.
6. All extracurricular activities shall operate within the rules and guidelines of the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.

While all students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must meet the school's attendance policy.
2. The student must be in good standing within the rules of the activity.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(REGULATION) 2

1. ABSENCES

- A. All students who are members of school activity groups, including 4-H are, limited to ten absences per year per class period. Ten additional absences may be granted for state and national events. Absences for the following reasons will not be charged against the ten absence limit:
1. Participation in school-sponsored state/national level contests by which the student earns the right to compete.
 2. Any activity held on campus, sanctioned by the principal.
 3. Serving as a Page in the Legislature.
 4. On-campus visits by college representatives/vocational representatives.
 5. College entrance exams.
 6. Field trips in conjunction with a unit being taught in an academic class.
 7. Students excused to make appearances before local civic groups.
 8. Grade level field trips to area Vo-Tech School.
- B. It is the responsibility of the student to plan and be responsible for these absences. The student should check with sponsors at the beginning of the school year to aid in selection of events that the student may wish to attend.
- C. The principal will keep, or cause to be kept, a record of those days or class periods missed due to school activities. These records will be open for inspection by the student, parent or guardian of the student, sponsors, and other teachers daily to aid the student in planning absences throughout the year.
- D. Any absence over the maximum of ten without the written permission of the Internal Activities Review Committee shall be counted as an unexcused absence in accordance with local board policy.

2. SPONSOR/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. It is the responsibility of the sponsor/teacher to prepare a list of activities that the student may attend during the school year and advise students of this list. These activities should be prepared and given to the principal at the beginning (or as soon as possible) of the school year.
- B. The sponsor/teacher should help the student select only those activities that will be of benefit to the student and/or the school.
- C. The sponsor/teacher should check the activity absentee list regularly in order to help students plan for future absences.
- D. The sponsor/teacher should strive not to be absent from any class period more than ten times due to attendance at activities.

3. CRITERIA FOR EARNING THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL IN ACTIVITIES OR CONTESTS BEYOND TEN DAYS:

- A. Athletics - Guidelines as set forth by Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association for participation beyond district competition.

