

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for their lifetime.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a school activity unless the activity is not offered, the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity, or the student cannot participate for disciplinary reasons. If the activity is an intramural or interscholastic athletic activity, students of the opposite sex will have a comparable opportunity for participation. Comparable opportunity does not guarantee boys and girls will be allowed to play on each other's teams when there are athletic activities available that will allow both boys and girls to reap the benefits of school activities, which are the promotion of additional interests and abilities in the students.

Student activity events must be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee. All out-of-state travel requires prior approval by the superintendent. The events must not disrupt the education program or other district operations.

A student in grades 9-12 who participates in a sport sponsored by the Cedar Falls Community School District may participate in that sport as an individual or member of a team in an outside school event during the same season, with permission of the building activities council. Such outside participation shall not conflict with the school sponsored athletic activity. A student who participates in a sport sponsored by an organization other than the district without obtaining permission from the building activities council shall be ineligible to participate on a school sponsored team in that sport for a period of twenty percent (20%) of the contests. This number shall be determined by multiplying the total number of contests in that sport by 20%. In the case of a fractional number, the total contests that a student shall be withheld from will be determined by rounding to the nearest whole number. A student will be suspended for a minimum of one contest. If there is not a sufficient number of contests remaining in the scheduled season to fulfill the terms of a suspension, the suspension balance will be carried over to the tournament series and to the next season of that sport in which the student participates.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for each school activity. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, when physical examinations will be required, how and when parents will be informed about the risk of the activity, forms and procedures for a waiver of liability from the parent and student in certain activities, and proof of insurance on the student participating in certain activities.

With permission from a parent or guardian, an eighth-grade student may participate in interscholastic athletic contests or competitions at the high school level. An eighth-grade student who participates at the high school level cannot also participate on an eighth-grade team in the same sport during the same season. Students may not compete in both programs during the same sport season. Any eighth-grade student participating in high school athletics must meet the annual athletic physical examination requirements applicable to all student athletes. The superintendent, in collaboration with the athletic director, will develop administrative regulations and procedures necessary to administer this policy.

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