

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 designee. All out-of-state travel requires prior approval by the superintendent or designee. 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 activity director shall be ineligible to participate on a school sponsored team in that sport for a period of twenty percent of the contests. This number shall be determined by multiplying the total number of contests in that sport by twenty percent. 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 or designee 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 evidence of health insurance if any. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity and those identified in policy #503.4.

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