

Minimum Requirements for Participation in Athletics and Other Extra-Curricular Activities

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I. General Policy Statement

Interscholastic athletics and extra-curricular activities have a vital place in the total educational program. Through school athletics and extra-curricular activities, many of the interests and needs of young people can be served. The extra-curricular activities governed by this policy are but not limited to athletics, band, chorus, drama and clubs with after school activities. Participation in extra-curricular activities shall be restricted to students who are enrolled full-time in the Haywood County School System.

II. Athletics (including cheerleading)

Interscholastic athletics shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations set forth by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, The North Carolina High School Athletics Association, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Haywood County Board of Education.

III. Other Extra-Curricular Activities

The program of extra-curricular activities shall be vested with the principal of the school.

IV. Regulations

- A. Students can only participate in activities offered by the school they attend. The only exception is when middle schools have difficulty in organizing athletic teams, they may form composite teams with students from different schools within the system.
- B. The conduct of students participating in any school-sponsored activity on or off school grounds must be in keeping with the codes of conduct that applies to normal school activities. Conduct deemed detrimental to the school shall be dealt with as though it has occurred during the regular school day.
- C. The principal of any school shall have the authority to take whatever action he/she may deem wise against any student found guilty of violating regulations.
- D. A student must be counted present at school the day of a planned event in order to participate. Exceptions must have prior approval from the principal or his/her designee.

References: GS 115C-47(4), NC Bd. Of Ed. Policies SS-D-001 and SS-D-002, NC High School Athletic Association Handbook, and Handbook for Middle/Junior High School Athletic Programs

