

RSU 19
Co-Curricular Policy Standards and Conduct for Participation

Definition

For the purpose of this policy, co-curricular activity includes all activities listed in the Comprehensive Agreement between the RSU 19 Board of Directors and the RSU 19 Teachers Association. This policy will also cover any extra-curricular activity that the RSU 19 Board of Directors allows to become part of the activities listed in the Comprehensive Contract.

Academic

Recognizing that participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, which must be earned and maintained, RSU 19 has established the following criteria for eligibility in all extra-curricular activities.

1. The student must be a regularly enrolled student carrying the equivalent of a minimum of six credits at the high school (five for seniors.) Middle school students must have an approved schedule of classes. Home schooled athletes' participation shall be governed by the home school participation policy (IHBGA).
2. The student must maintain regular daily attendance. Students with unexcused absences will be placed on monitor status. Eligibility of these students will be determined by building administration.
3. The student must maintain a passing grade in all classes as determined at mid-term and at quarter end and a cumulative 70 average. Partially meeting standards is determined to be a minimum passing grade and a cumulative 70 average. Eligibility of students under an alternate program or an IEP will be determined by IEP team or building administration.
4. Deficiency notices will be issued for all student in danger of/ or failing at mid-quarter.
5. Students who fall below the criteria at either mid-term or quarter-end become ineligible and may not participate in any competition for a minimum of one week. At the end of one week, grades of ineligible students will be monitored. If all criteria are met, the ineligible student will be cleared to play but remain on weekly progress monitoring. Progress monitoring will continue until the next mid-term or quarter end. During this time, the student will return to ineligible status if the weekly progress monitoring determines they are not meeting the criteria. Students on monitoring status will return to normal status if at the next mid-term or quarter end they are meeting the criteria. Any student athlete who is ineligible may not leave school early to attend co-curricular events.
6. High school students wishing to withdraw from classes must do so during the add-drop period or withdraw with a passing grade. Failure to do so will result in ineligible status for a period of one week.

Citizenship

It is the Board's position that good citizenship is a requirement for extra-curricular participation. All participants in co-curricular activities are expected to observe all school and coach/advisor rules, procedures, and policies. Violation of any of these expectations may lead to disciplinary action. It is also the Board's position that the following are criteria of good citizenship:

- Show concern for the success and safety of others.
- Use non-judgmental language that does not offend or demean.
- Do the right thing, especially when it is difficult.
- Do the right thing, even when no one is looking.
- Take responsibility for your actions.
- Reflect on how your actions affect the welfare of others.

Students who do not reflect these values may be placed on probationary status with eligibility determined by the building administration.

Rules of Participation

Prohibited substances are unhealthy as well as illegal. Any member of an interscholastic athletic team will be subjected to disciplinary action if he/she is **part** of any of the following during the school year:

Self admission, proof of possession, or use of intoxication beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco (including chewing tobacco.) This may include, but not be limited to, being present in a vehicle transporting illegal drugs or alcohol or (knowingly) being and/or participating in an area in which illegal alcohol and/or illegal drugs are being unlawfully consumed.

Each student wishing to participate in any co-curricular activity is subject to the RSU 19 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Policy for the entire school year in which the student is involved in co-curricular activities. The school year begins with the first day of Fall Season and ends with the last day of school or the last scheduled activity event, whichever is the latest date. In addition to the substance abuse policy (JICH) students involved in co-curricular activities will be subject to the following discipline:

- **First Violation:** The student will be removed from the co-curricular activity for the period of time listed:

1. Football, Golf, Track	2 games/meets
2. Soccer, Field Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling	3 games/meets
3. Basketball, Cheering	4 games

(A violation during cheering may result in the loss of a competition)

In addition to the suspension, the suspension will result in a mandatory meeting with school officials prior to reinstatement to the team.

In all other co-curricular activities, time suspended will be determined by the advisor and approved by building administration.

- **Second Violation:** The student will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of that season and from all co-curricular programs until the student provides the school with proof of enrollment in a school approved alcohol or drug rehabilitation program.
- **Third Violation:** If a student violates the prohibition rule a third time during a school year, they may become ineligible for co-curricular activities for one calendar year.
- **Second Dismissal:** Any student receiving a second season dismissal during their time at Nokomis may become ineligible for co-curricular activities for the remainder of their time at Nokomis.

Violations accumulate for the current school year. Violations in successive seasons but in different school years will be considered multiple infractions.

Cross Reference:	JICH	Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
	IHBGA	Home School Participation in School Programs