

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

GUARD YOUR FINE ARTS ELIGIBILITY

The following are the eligibility requirements for students participating in any contest or festival involving music, journalism, visual arts, student council or speech and drama activities.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF

1. You are under the age of 20.
2. You have not attended more than 4 first semesters and 4 second semesters of school in grades 9 through 12. Enrollment in school for 15 school days or participation in an inter-school contest shall constitute a semester. Once a student enrolls as a ninth grader, all semesters must be consecutive unless waived due to illness, injury or other circumstances of a similar serious nature which must be verified in writing by a licensed health professional or other professional personnel if requested by the SDHSAA.
3. During the preceding semester you passed a minimum equivalent of four full time subjects for which you earned at least 2.0 units of high school credit that will be used in the issuance of a diploma.
4. During the current semester you are enrolled in and attend a minimum equivalent of four full time subjects for which you will earn at least 2.0 units of high school credit that will be used in the issuance of a diploma.
5. You have enrolled by the 16th school day of the current semester. Date of regular entry into classes is considered the date of enrollment.
6. You have a copy of your transcript on file in the principal's office prior to competition.
7. You have not been absent from school more than 10 consecutive school days in a member school which operates a five (5) day school week or more than eight (8) consecutive days in a member school which operates a four (4) day school week. (Illness of the student or death in the immediate family accepted.)
8. You have not participated in a fine arts competition under an assumed name.
9. You have not graduated from a regular four-year high school or institution of equivalent rank.
10. **Credit recovery. Students who have been declared ineligible because of academic deficiencies from the previous semester/trimester may earn scholastic/academic eligibility by taking an academic course(s) via the options approved by the SD Department of Education. Examples include, but not limited to, on-line courses, in-district credit recovery courses, alternative education settings, digital courses, etc. The principal must monitor the successful completion of the course(s) and reinstate eligibility only after the successful completion of 2 units of credit as per Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D., page 8 of the Bylaws.**

Consult your Principal or Fine Arts Coach/Director for Additional Information.