

**Student Participation in Athletic Contests Between Schools**

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade may not participate in athletic contests between schools within a school system or between school systems. Annual field or play days are excluded from this restriction.

Elementary school systems having seventh and eighth grade athletics may include sixth grade boys or girls if the combined enrollment for seventh and eighth grade is fewer than 12 boys or 12 girls and if the School Board has a policy regulating participation for sixth graders. The Board's policy for participation of sixth graders is as follows: A sixth grade student may participate if: (1) the student meets the same standards applicable to seventh and eighth graders and (2) participation in the activity is not prohibited by the bylaws of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

Students in seventh and eighth grades may participate in interscholastic competitions subject to an in a manner consistent with the bylaws of the Nebraska School Activities Association. The scholastic eligibility rules for seventh and eighth grades shall be the same as established by the School Board for high school interscholastic competitions and, in the absence of such rules, shall be the minimum established by the Nebraska School Athletics Association.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 10.004.02C  
Nebraska School Activities Association Middle Level Activities Bylaws, Article 9

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