

Preston School District No. 201 will follow all current and subsequent eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities, as set forth by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). All students wishing to participate in any interscholastic activity must meet the eligibility requirements for that activity as established by IHSAA, as well as any district eligibility requirements.

Activities also include groups such as art, band, professional technical organizations, music, speech, drama, student government and other related extra-curricular student groups.

Preston High School Eligibility Requirements:

- A. To be eligible for athletics and extra-curricular activities at Preston High School a student must meet the eligibility requirements as set by the IHSAA.
- B. Eligibility is based on weekly grade checks conducted by the coaches/advisors of each activity assisted by the athletic director and the athletic secretary.
- C. To be eligible a student during weekly grade checks must have a 2.00 GPA  
And no F's in order to participate in athletic contests or activities.
- D. When a student raises his/her grades to the standards set by the athletic Department, he/she will be eligible to participate in games or activities.
- E. With the approval of the coach or advisor, a student may practice with the team during the time while working on their grades. A student may not travel with, dress for, or participate in an extra-curricular activity during the time of ineligibility.
- F. Coaches, advisors, and athletic director are responsible for determining eligibility of their athletes before they participate in an extra-curricular activity. Coaches and advisors are responsible to let the students know if they are ineligible.
- G. The athletic director and athletic secretary will monitor and provide information regarding grades to the coaches or advisors.
- H. With athletic director approval, the coach, advisor, if he/she deems necessary, can develop a contract with the student at anytime during the season for the purpose of academic eligibility.

Under the regulations of the Idaho High School Activities Association, high school students have 4 years of eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities. It is not possible to have time extended. Students must have physical examination prior to the beginning of participation in a sport during the ninth (9) and eleventh (11) grades.

## **TRANSGENDER STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

A transgender student, defined as a student whose gender identity differs from the student's assigned birth gender, will be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics that is consistent with the student's gender identity, under the following conditions:

1. A female-to-male transgender student athlete who is taking a medically prescribed hormone treatment under a physician's care for the purposes of gender transition may participate only on a boys' team.
2. A male-to-female transgender student athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate only on a boys' team.
3. A male-to-female transgender student athlete who is taking medically prescribed hormone treatment under a physician's care for the purposes of gender transition may participate on a boys' team at any time, but must complete one year of hormone treatment related to the gender transition before competing on a girls' team.

### **Process**

A student athlete who has completed, plans to initiate, or is in the process of taking hormones under a physician's care as part of a gender transition will submit the request to participate on a sports team to the administration of the student's school and to the IHSAA. The request will include a letter from the student's physician documenting the student's intention to transition or the student's transition status if the process has already been initiated. This letter will identify the prescribed hormonal treatment for the student's gender transition and the date the hormone treatment was initiated. The Executive Director will make a determination whether the student is eligible to compete under the above criteria.

Once the transgender student has been granted eligibility to participate in the sport consistent with his/her gender identity, the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation and does not need to be renewed every sports season or school year.

Once the transgender student selects the gender or the team on which the student wishes to participate, the student thereafter must consistently participate on teams of that gender in all sports for the duration of their high school career.

### **Appeals**

The decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the Eligibility Committee. The decision of the Eligibility Committee may be appealed to the IHSAA Board of Directors for a review and hearing.

**Confidentiality**

All discussions among involved parties and the required written supporting documentation will be kept confidential.

**PROHIBITION AGAINST THE POSSESSION OR USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, being under the influence of, or distributing tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or paraphernalia (see Policy No. 551, Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use). Any student participating in interscholastic activities who tests positive for drugs will be suspended from participation in interscholastic activities as set forth in Policy No. 578, Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-512(12)

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