



Sturgis Brown High School
Sturgis Williams Middle School
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Extracurricular Student Policies

2019-2020

**“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success
Today and Tomorrow”**

**Meade School District 46-1
Sturgis Brown High School
Extra-Curricular Policies**

Student Conduct

The Meade School District recognizes that all members of the student body are representatives of the school and encourages all students to participate in activities due to the benefits derived from such participation. Participation in student activities exposes students to greater public exposure and scrutiny, and students are expected and encouraged to bring credit rather than discredit to the school whose programs makes such participation possible. It shall therefore be the policy of the School District:

1. That student participation in student activities is a privilege rather than a right.
2. Those students who exercise the privilege of participation in student activities shall consequently be expected to exemplify high standards of behavior in and out of school.
3. Activity training rules and regulations cannot supersede School District policies concerning disciplinary regulations.
4. School attendance to participate in extracurricular activities at Sturgis Brown High School is mandatory. All students who participate in school activities should be in a regular full day attendance the day of the contest and the day following the contest. The minimum attendance requirement to be eligible to participate in a scheduled contest the day of the contest – the athlete is required to be in attendance a minimum of the last 4 scheduled periods (open period does not count as the 4 periods of required attendance). All athletes are required to be in school the day following an away contest – unless pre-excused by the administration. Athletes that are not in school the day after a scheduled contest without prior administrative approval could miss the following contest. It is assumed that if the participant is too ill or is not in attendance in school, the student will not participate in any activity after school dismissal or in the evening of that same day. An exception to the rule may be allowed upon written notification from a physician, dentist, or parent conference with the building principal, assistant principal or activities director permitting a student to participate.
5. Each sponsor or coach may institute additional rules of his/her own. These must have the approval of the building principal or activities director. Participants and parents must be fully informed in writing of all additional regulations.
6. See "Suspension", page 4

Interscholastic Activity Policy

It shall be the policy of the Board and administration that the rules of training, dress, and conduct shall be established for all activities of an interscholastic nature. These rules must be written by the coach/sponsors and agreed to by the principal and activities director. It shall also be policy of the Board and administration that all coaches and supervisors make no exceptions to enforcement of the rules. All reasonable means of supervision should be employed and all reports of rules violation rigorously, fairly, and impartially investigated.

Academic Eligibility Standards

Students in grades 9-12 are required to pass two and one-half (2 ½) academic credits/semester in order to participate in any extracurricular activity (includes club sports). If a student does not pass the required number of classes in each semester, he/she will not be eligible to participate the following semester in any extracurricular activity.

*Summer school credits earned can be applied to the previous semester (SDHSAA Eligibility)

Student Transportation on School Trips File: JHFE

The following constitutes the arrangements of the Meade School District concerning the transportation of students to and from extracurricular school activities and school functions:

1. In most instances, the District shall provide transportation to the students for all trips of more than ten (10) miles one way from the attendance center. This shall apply to all school functions where the attendance of the student is required, as well as extra-curricular activities. In most cases, the District will pay the cost of transportation, but in some cases, a student may be assessed a transportation fee. A student must travel on the school provided bus or van both ways. School personnel may release students to ride along with the custodial parent, legal guardian, or other persons authorized by the parent and school, with written request.
2. In the case of school activities or school functions which are less than ten (10) miles one way from the attendance center, the District will generally provide transportation; provide the entire class is being transported. If less than the entire class is being transported, or in the case of extra-curricular off-campus home events, the students may be asked to provide their own transportation or be transported by District personnel or in private vehicles driven by a licensed and insured adult.
3. No student may ride with another student to or from a school function or activity during the school day, unless the students are siblings.

Physicals and Medical History

- Students **are not** eligible to participate in practice or games if the student does not have on file in the SBHS Activities Department office. A signed physical examination that falls under the rules of the SDHSAA (Annual Athletic Physicals are required by the Meade School District 46-1). Those athletic physicals taken after April 1st can be used for the next school year.
- A copy of the Student Participation Parent Approval Form must be submitted annually.
- A signed Consent Form- release of Medical Information (HIPAA)
- Extra-Curricular Travel/Transportation Permission Form
- SDHSAA Annual Parent and Student Consent Form
- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation History Form
- A Concussion Fact Sheet for Athletes
- A Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents

The use and/or possession of mood-altering chemicals such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or drug paraphernalia by participants of extra-curricular activities in grades 9-12 are prohibited. This prohibition shall be in force all year including summer months, weekends, and holidays. Training rule consequences will begin after any school suspension. Involvement in a law-breaking activity, other than a minor traffic violation, may result in suspension from any activities which the student is a participant.

SDCL 26-11-5.1

Provision for notice to school officials and parent or guardian by law enforcement agency where student suspected of violating state drug or alcohol laws or of threatening violence. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency may provide notice of an incident within its jurisdiction to public or nonpublic school officials and to the parent or guardian of a school student if the incident is one in which the agency has probable cause to believe the school student has violated any provision of state law involving alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, or bomb threats, or has made any threat of violence relating to any school or its students, employees, or property. However, if there is a prolonged criminal investigation and revealing information would jeopardize a successful conclusion to the case, the law enforcement agency may provide the notice at some later appropriate time. The notice shall be in writing.

Consequences of Violations for Tobacco and Alcohol

First Violation:

The individual will be suspended for 10 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of two (2) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest) or the individual can perform ten (10) hours of community service that is approved by the administration and the suspension will be shortened to 5 school day of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of one (1) contest in the activity in session or the next activity of participation. The suspension will occur when competition begins, not when practice begins. The participant must complete the entire season in the activity in which suspension is scheduled, or complete the entire season of a subsequent activity if the suspension is to be served during the activity.

*All community service hours must be completed prior to being reinstated for participation.

Parents or Guardians and the student will be notified either by letter, in-person, or both. A conference may be scheduled between participant, his/her parent/guardian, coach or advisor, and the activities director before future participation occurs.

Second Violation:

The individual will be suspended for 20 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of four contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest) or the individual can perform twenty-five (25) hours of community service that is approved by the administration and the suspension will be shortened to 10 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of two (2) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation. The suspension will occur when competition begins, not when practice begins. The participant must complete the entire season in the activity in which suspension is scheduled, or complete the entire season of a subsequent activity if the suspension is to be served during that activity.

*All community service hours must be completed prior to being reinstated for participation.

Parents or Guardians and the student will be notified either by letter, in-person, or both. A conference may be scheduled between participant, his/her parent/guardian, coach or advisor, and the activities director before future participation occurs.

Third Violation:

After confirmation of a third violation, the student shall lose eligibility for one year from the date of notification of his/her third training rule violation. The one year suspension may be reduced to sixty (60) school days, but must include a minimum six (6) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest), if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. The counseling will be at the expense of the student involved.

Fourth Violation:

After confirmation of the fourth violation, the student shall automatically lose eligibility for one (1) year from the date of notification by letter or conference. For any subsequent training rule violations (5th, 6th...) the student shall automatically lose eligibility for one (1) year from the date of notification by letter or conference.

Only law enforcement, school officials, parents of the accused can bring training rule violation allegations, or admission by the individual(s) themselves, but the administration and/or School Resource Officer (SRO) reserves the right to investigate any training rule violation based on information received from outside law enforcement agencies and/or other outside sources if a signed document (outside source other than outside law enforcement agencies) is submitted to the administration concerning the allegations. After proper investigation, a decision to suspend or not to suspend will be decided by the school administration. Any obligation to fulfill a penalty for a violation that is not fulfilled in the current school year will be carried over to the following school year. The Training Rules Committee shall make the decision on any situations that may involve a penalty. The committee shall consist of the activities director, two (2) head coaches, one (1) assistant coach, and the principal of the high school/middle school. The student will be provided due process as per district grievance policy.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all ***Alcohol, Tobacco and Suspensions Due to Conduct and Other Circumstances*** will be cumulative in nature and the total number of violations will be based on high school years only—Grades 9-12 (see Violations above). Any violations for Controlled Substances and Marijuana (SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2) will be handled separately due to the Meade School District deviation from the SDCL and not be cumulative in nature with Alcohol, Tobacco and Suspensions Due to Conduct and Other Circumstances.

*For every one (1) calendar year that an individual does not have a training violation—one (1) training rule violation will be removed from their record.

Consequences of Violations for Controlled Substances and Marijuana

This consequence governs a participant adjudicated or convicted of possessing, selling, or using controlled substances or marijuana. It shall also govern a participant caught or observed possessing, selling or using controlled substances who has not been charged, adjudicated or convicted. These consequences of violations for controlled substances and marijuana is a deviation from SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2 that went into effect July 1, 2014.

Any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved juvenile diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one (1) calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one (1) year suspension may be reduced to thirty (30) school days and a minimum of two (2) scheduled contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or licensed addiction counselor. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Upon a second adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of a sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substance as prohibited by 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of education for one (1) year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one (1) year may be reduced to sixty (60) school days and a minimum of six (6) scheduled contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation if the person completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. To count toward the minimum number of events the student must participate in the entire activity season and may not drop out or quit the activity to avoid suspension and the failure of a student to complete the entire activity season shall result in the student being ineligible for one (1) year from the date of adjudication, conviction, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence of suspended adjudication of delinquency. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one (1) activity season shall carry over to the next activity season in which the student participates. Upon a third or subsequent adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile court proceeding, the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity. The Unified Judicial System shall give notice to the chief administrators of secondary schools accredited by the Department of Education for any such determination in a court proceeding for any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age without regard to current status in school or involvement in extracurricular activities. The notice shall include name, date of birth, city of residence, and offense. The chief administrator shall give notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association if any such person is participating in extracurricular activities.

Upon placement of the person in an informal adjustment or court-approved juvenile diversion program, the state's attorney, who placed the person in that program, shall give notice of that placement to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity.

As used in this section, the term, extracurricular activity, means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association and/or recognized by the Meade School District 46-1.

The Meade School District has adopted a deviation to the SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2 that imposes consequences that are equal to or stricter than the consequences imposed by the State of South Dakota per SDCL 13-32-9.1.

Definitions (based on MSD deviation from SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2)

30 or 60 School Days may begin as soon as the individual is adjudicated and participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or is enrolled in an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. The individual will not be eligible until he/she successfully completes the evaluation and/or intensive prevention or treatment program.

30 or 60 School Days may begin as soon as the administration has received written confirmation that the individual is participating in a drug/alcohol assessment and/or is enrolled in an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

Dependency Counselor must be approved by the Meade School District 46-1 administration. Student and/or parent/guardian are responsible all costs associated with prevention/treatment program.

Accredited Intensive Prevention or Treatment Program must be approved by the Meade School District administration. Student and/or parent/guardian are responsible for all costs associated with prevention/treatment program.

Scheduled Extra-Curricular Activities is defined as those activities that do not meet during the regularly scheduled school hours (SBHS course). Example: SBHS students could participate in a SDHSAA Region Large Group Contest.

Community Service must be approved by the administration and it is up to the individual to document and show proof of community service hours prior to participation.

Suspensions Due to Conduct and Other Circumstances

Any student who is suspended from a team or from school for violation of team or school rules may not participate on another team during the same season or until suspension has been completed. Suspended students may not participate in a scheduled event, but may practice with the team with the approval of the coach/sponsor and the activities director. Length of suspension for the following offenses will be determined by the administration. Some offenses carry an automatic activity probation/suspension. Some of these violations include:

1. Possession, use, being under the influence, transfer or dispensing of any alcoholic beverages (prior to adjudication).
2. Use of tobacco products while on school premises or on a school-sponsored activity.
3. Vandalism to school property or vandalism to any property while on a school-sponsored activity.
4. Stealing while under the supervision of the school.
5. Possession, use, being under the influence, transfer, or dispensing of any substance prohibited by the Controlled Substance Act of 1971, or misuse of any drug, including transfer or dispensing (prior adjudication).
6. Harassment
7. Weapons on school grounds
8. Improper conduct in and out of school
9. Unexcused absences
10. Any action detrimental to the overall program
11. Any felony criminal offense

Hazing or Initiation is Not Acceptable Behavior

It is of utmost importance on all teams, but especially teams with underclassmen, that there are absolutely no hazing or so-called initiation rites. This is demeaning to all involved and is a most blatant form of harassment. Students found hazing, initiating, or harassing other students will be dealt with accordingly.

File: JFCE

Anti-Bullying/Harassment of Students

Bullying and harassment of students are not tolerated by the Meade School District. The school district is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. Therefore, the school district prohibits harassment or bullying.

Bullying and harassment are repetitive, intentional, harmful behaviors initiated by one or more students and directed toward another student or students which create a hostile school environment including, but not limited to, the following:

- Physical-harmful action or threat of harmful action against another person;
- Verbal, Written or Electronic- threatening, unkind, abusive or hurtful communication to a person or about a person;
- Emotional-taunting or other conduct intended to upset, exclude, or embarrass a person;
- Sexual- conduct or communication based on actual or perceived trait or characteristic of a person because of gender and/or initiation of unwarranted or unwelcome sexual advances, or
- Racial- rejection, exclusion, isolation, or embarrassment of a person because of ethnicity.

This policy applies while students are on school property; while in school-owned or school-operated vehicles; while attending or engaged in school-sponsored activities, or while using school equipment.

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion.

Retaliation against a person because the person has filed a bullying or harassment complaint or assisted or participated in a harassment investigation or proceeding, is prohibited. An individual who knowingly files a false harassment complaint and a person who gives false statements in an investigation shall be subject to discipline by appropriate measures, as shall a person who is found to have retaliated against another violation of this policy. A student found to have retaliated or filed a false complaint in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion.

The building principal, school counselor or principal's designee will be responsible for investigating all complaints by students alleging bullying or harassment. All documentation associated with a complaint shall be maintained by the building principal.

Bullying/Harassment Investigation Procedures

Students who feel they have been bullied or harassed should:

- Communicate to the perpetrator that the individual expects the behavior to stop, if the individual is comfortable doing so. If the individual wants assistance communicating with the perpetrator, the individual should ask a teacher, counselor, principal, or other adult in charge to help.
- If the bullying or harassment does not stop, or the individual does not feel comfortable confronting the perpetrator, the individual should:
 - tell a teacher, counselor, principal or other adult in charge; and
 - write down exactly what happened, keep a copy and give another copy to the teacher, counselor or principal including:
 - What, when, and where it happened;
 - Who was involved;
 - Exactly what was said or what the perpetrator did;
 - Witnesses to the bullying or harassment;
 - What the student said or did, either at the time or later;
 - How the student felt; and
 - How the perpetrator responded.

*The incident needs to be reported to the building principal as soon as possible

Formal Complaint Procedure

An individual who believes that he/she has been harassed or bullied will notify the principal, school counselor, or principal-designee. The investigator may request that the individual complete the Harassment/Bullying Formal Complaint form and turn over evidence of the incident, including, but not limited to: letters, tapes, or pictures. Information received during the investigation is kept confidential to the extent possible. The principal or the alternate investigator, with permission from the principal, has the authority to initiate an investigation in the absence of a written complaint.

Investigative Procedure

The investigator will reasonably and promptly commence the investigation upon receipt of the complaint. The length of the investigation is governed by the facts and complexity of each individual case but should be completed within 30 calendar days of the complaint. The superintendent may approve an extension in special circumstances. The investigator will interview the complainant and the alleged perpetrator. The alleged perpetrator may file a written statement in response to the complaint. The investigator may also interview witnesses as deemed appropriate.

When a formal complaint has been filed, and upon completion of the investigation, the investigator will make written findings and conclusions.

Resolution of the Complaint

Following the completion of his/her own investigation or upon receipt of an alternate investigator's report, the principal may investigate further, if deemed necessary, and make a determination of any appropriate additional steps which may include discipline.

The principal will file a written report documenting any disciplinary action taken or any other action taken in response to the complaint. The remedial actions taken by the principal, including disciplinary action where appropriate, should be designed to prevent further bullying or harassment. The principal, or designee, will monitor the effectiveness of the remedial actions taken by contacting the complainant during the month following the investigation resolution. These contacts should be included in the documentation. If further remedial actions are necessary, the case shall remain open with ongoing monitoring and documentation. The complainant, the alleged perpetrator and the investigator will receive notice as to the conclusion of the investigation. The principal will maintain a log of all complaints, findings, and actions taken, and will maintain all documentation related to a complaint investigation during the duration of the perpetrator's school years.

Points to Remember in the Investigation

- Evidence uncovered in the investigation is confidential.
- Complaints must be taken seriously and promptly investigated.
- No retaliation will be taken against complainant/individuals involved in the investigation process.
- Retaliators will be disciplined up to and including suspension and expulsion.

Adopted March 13, 2012

Activity Travel Rules (see "Student Transportation on School Trips") File: JHFE

1. Coaches/sponsors are required to accompany students to and from all school activities unless prior arrangements have been made and the activity director has been notified.
2. Students are required to travel by the mode of transportation provided by the school district to and from school activities unless prior arrangements have been made with the coach/sponsor and the activities director.
3. Students/coaches/sponsors will dress appropriately for the activity they are attending. Some coaches will have a dress code for their activity.
4. The bus driver's request should be recognized by all coaches/sponsors and in turn by the students.
5. The school has the administrative responsibility for the operation of school buses. The school district is not required to provide bus transportation to high school students. Students must act accordingly or their bus privileges could be revoked (see Bus Conduct form).

Guidelines for Travel during Inclement Weather

1. Practice: Practice will not be permitted on days that school has been canceled or has been released early because of weather related conditions unless pre-approved by the administration.
2. Regular Scheduled Events: When school has been canceled or released early because of weather, no travel will be allowed unless preapproved by the administration.
3. State Event: At all times, we will consider the safety of the people traveling first.
4. Traveling Home: When leaving an event to come home, the decision will be left to the professional driver (Sturgis Bus Company) and the school administration.

Insurance for Interscholastic Activities

1. Participants are required to show proof of insurance or have a signed insurance waiver on file before practicing or competing in SBHS activities. SBHS strongly encourages all participants to have insurance before they participate in activities.
2. SBHS does not have access to insurance for students at their request and expense that can be purchased online at: www.1stagency.com.
3. Catastrophic Insurance is provided through our involvement with the SDHSAA.

Wednesday Night Practices

There are no scheduled school activities after 6:30 PM on Wednesday night that involves students.

Late Night Activities

The general guidelines to follow for student activities are that they should end before 10:00 PM on weeknights and before midnight on Friday and Saturday. Any exceptions to this should have prior administrative approval. This does not include traveling home from away games.

Holiday Practices

The Activities Director/principal will approve all Holiday practices in advance. There will be no Sunday practices without prior approval of the administration.

Conflicts between Activities

Conflict between activity programs and the attendance of a student at one or the other should be handled by the sponsors involved, and the student, well in advance of the conflict with no penalty to the student. If the sponsors and the students cannot satisfactorily solve the problem, then the activity office and building administration will be involved.

Fall, Winter, and Spring Activity Cut-off Dates

Once a season has started, SBHS will institute the following cut-off dates in which a student may begin participation. Those cut-off dates are the same for each season. The cut-off date to participate for a sport will be 1 (one) week after the first contest, match, or meet. Coaches will have the discretion to allow athletes to begin practice after the allowable cut-off dates, but it must be approved by the administration.

Lettering Policy (Minimum Standards) (Revised April 2017)

1. Each SBHS/SWMS/SBMS athlete that wishes to earn a Varsity Letter must follow all the in season as well as out of season guidelines and requirements specified by the head coach of their respected sport of participation.
2. Each SBHS athlete will be required to participate in a minimum number of contests/games as defined by the coach.

Each SWMS/SBMS athlete will be required to participate in a minimum of 50% of all scheduled varsity contests.
3. All Dual Sport Athletes (SDHSAA sanctioned vs. SDHSAA sanctioned or SDHSAA sanctioned vs. Club Sports) must commit to all SDHSAA sanctioned events (practice/games/contests) before committing to any other non-sanctioned practice/game/contest.
4. Must finish the entire season. In case of injury/illness, the athlete must still be present at practice and games and follow all criteria to letter.
5. A senior that has been out all 4 years for the sport will letter if all minimum summer documentation has been satisfied and the athlete has shown commitment and dedication to the program as defined by the coach.
6. Coaches always have discretion on the lettering of an individual (SBHS/SWMS/SBMS) if the above criteria have not been met – this is used in “special circumstances”. In the case of “special circumstances”, the coach and/or athlete may bring their request for a SBHS varsity letter to the “Lettering Committee”. The “Lettering Committee” will approve/deny based on the case presented by the coach and/or athlete. The committee shall be comprised of the following individuals:
 - HS principal or designee
 - HS Activities Director
 - Strength and Conditioning Coordinator or designee
 - Head Coach requesting a committee review
 - Head Coach in another sport (designated by the administration)

EACH SDHSAA SANCTIONED ACTIVITY CAN HAVE ADDITIONAL SBHS LETTERING REQUIREMENTS, BUT ALL REQUIREMENTS (1-5) MUST BE SATISFIED BY ALL SDHSAA SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO LETTERING. THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT DO NOT MEET ALL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS WILL RECEIVE A “CONDITIONAL LETTER”. ONCE ALL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET OR THE LETTERING COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED REQUEST FOR DISCRETION TO BE USED – THE CONDITIONAL LETTER WILL BE CHANGED TO A SBHS VARSITY LETTER.

MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED CLUB SPORTS WILL FOLLOW MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY IGDK*
RECOGNITION WILL BE LIMITED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12. ONLY STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN STURGIS BROWN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

*SWMS/SBMS students can earn a SBHS letter “S”, but will not be given the actual letter until completion of the eighth grade. They will be given a “letter certificate” upon lettering in a specific sport (if all requirements above have been satisfied). All SBHS letters (excluding “conditional letters”) can be used toward the “Honor Award White Letter”.

Sturgis Brown High School Policies

- 1.** By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate the risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coach or school trainer, follow a proper conditioning program and inspect their own equipment daily.
- 2.** Each player is responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. Personal items as well as practice gear should be taken home and washed each week.
- 3.** Parents are cordially invited to attend practices and games.
- 4.** Team members are expected to be present at all practices, team meetings, contests, and special occasions unless excused by the head coach.
- 5.** All letter awards shall be based on attendance, attitude, and achievement. Specific requirements for each sport are determined by the coach and approved by the activities director. Such requirements will be reviewed with the participants at the beginning of the season (See pg. 5 – minimum Lettering Standards).
- 6.** All team members will travel to and from out-of-town contests by means of the transportation provided or arranged by the school. The only exception would be the release of cheerleaders/athletes to their custodial parent, legal guardian, or other persons authorized by the parent and school, with written request.
- 7.** All athletes are reminded that a person is judged by their dress, manners, conduct, and sportsmanship as well as their skills in athletics.
- 8.** Sturgis Brown High School is not responsible for items that are stolen from lockers. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to lock all personal and school issued items in their locker before, during, and after all practices/contests.
- 9.** School attendance to participate in extracurricular activities at Sturgis Brown High School is mandatory. All students who participate in school activities should be in a regular full day attendance the day of the contest and the day following the contest. The minimum attendance requirement to be eligible to participate in a scheduled contest the day of the contest – the athlete is required to be in attendance a minimum of the last 4 scheduled periods (open period does not count as the 4 periods of required attendance). All athletes are required to be in school the day following an away contest – unless pre-excused by the administration. Athletes that are not in school the day after a scheduled contest without prior administrative approval could miss the following contest. It is assumed that if the participant is too ill or is not in attendance in school, the student will not participate in any activity after school dismissal or in the evening of that same day. An exception to the rule may be allowed upon written notification from a physician, dentist, or parent conference with the building principal, assistant principal or activities director permitting a student to participate.