Eligibility for Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Based on Attendance

Participation in athletics and extracurricular activities at North Collins Junior-Senior High School is a privilege that carries the expectation of consistent attendance, academic effort, and responsible behavior. Regular attendance is essential for both academic success and participation in school-sponsored events.

1. Daily Attendance Requirement

- To be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity, athletic event, practice, rehearsal, or performance on a given day, a student must be in attendance on that day.
- **Exceptions** may be made for verified and excused absences such as medical appointments, college visits, funerals, or other approved circumstances, provided documentation is submitted and the absence is approved in advance by the principal or designee.

2. Attendance Requirement for School Dances and club/extracurricular field trips (90% Rule)

- To be eligible to attend any school-sponsored dance or club field trip, students must maintain a **minimum attendance rate of 90%** for the designated eligibility period prior to the event.
- The eligibility period will be calculated by using the number of student attendance days available from the first day of student attendance up to and including the date of the event.
- Both excused and unexcused absences, late arrivals and early dismissals count toward the attendance percentage; however, students may appeal based on documented extenuating circumstances.
- Students who do not meet the 90% attendance requirement will be ineligible to attend the event unless an appeal is approved.

3. Tardiness and Early Dismissals

- Students who arrive **after the start of 1st period** without an excused reason will be ineligible for extracurricular participation that day.
- Students who leave school early without prior administrative approval will also forfeit eligibility for that day.

4. Extended Absences

- Students who are **absent for three or more consecutive school days** due to illness or injury must provide a **medical clearance** before resuming participation in extracurricular activities.

5. Appeals for Extenuating Circumstances

- Students or parents/guardians may submit a **written appeal** for attendance-based ineligibility when extenuating circumstances exist.
- Appeals must be submitted to the principal or designee within **two school days** of the eligibility determination and should include supporting documentation when available.
- The principal, in consultation with the athletic director or activity advisor when appropriate, will review the appeal and issue a decision.

- The decision of the principal or designee is **final**.

6. Administrative Discretion

- The administration reserves the right to interpret and apply this policy on a case-by-case basis to ensure fairness, consistency, and alignment with the intent of promoting regular attendance while supporting student engagement.