



***SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION***

***2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT***

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

*To Amend Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection E (Scholastic/Academic Rule) of the SDHSAA By-Laws*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Brookings School District

Name of Member School

5/12/25

Date

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Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

**Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.**

**BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025**

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
AMENDMENT #1**

**Amend Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:**

**E. Scholastic/Academic Eligibility Rule.**

1. **Preceding Semester/Trimester.** The student, unless they are entering high school for the first time, shall have successfully earned a minimum of two (2) units of semester credit/ **one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** which are used in the issuance of a diploma, for the preceding or for the most recent semester/trimester of attendance in any accredited high school. For the purposes of this subsection, enrollment and attendance in school or participation in one or more contests shall constitute a semester/trimester in determining eligibility. However, the Board of Directors or the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive the attendance rule when and if a student withdraws from school as a result of an injury or illness and does not return to any school for the remainder of the semester/trimester and the student does not receive any high school course credits.

**NOTE: Failure to earn two (2) units of credit the previous semester/one and one half (1.5) units of credit the previous trimester causes the student to become ineligible the entire following semester/trimester.**

**NOTE: Only credits accepted by the school for graduation may be used in determining whether a student successfully earned two (2) units of semester/one and half (1.5) units of trimester credit.**

**Source: Minutes of the January 10-11, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting.**

2. **Current Semester/Trimester.** The student shall (a) be enrolled in an accredited high school and attend courses for which a minimum of two (2) units of semester credit/ **one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** may be earned towards the issuance of a diploma, (b) be receiving alternative instruction as set forth in **SDCL § 13-27-3** or (c) any student in grades ten, eleven, or twelve may apply to an institution of higher education or a postsecondary vocational education institution as a special student in a course or courses offered at the institution of higher education or postsecondary vocational education institution. Correspondence/college courses approved in advance by the high school principal for which credits earned are used in the issuance of a high school diploma may count towards the two (2) units of semester/ **one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** eligibility requirement. **(Refer to SDCL § 13-28-37)**

**Rationale:** Reflects the differences between Semester and Trimester scheduling.