

# *Office of Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Personnel/Athletic and Co-Curricular Activities Committee

FROM: John N. Werner  
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RE: Policy Topics

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WCSD Policy 10495 is our Co-Curricular Policy. It discusses the nature and importance of our various activities and outlines appropriate student decorum while participating in said activities. Much of the Policy details specific regulations and associated sanctions for noncompliance with those rules. In particular:

**WCSD Policy 10495** includes the following sanction for a student who has experienced excessive absenteeism.

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5. A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity until the student has been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school days following his or her twentieth (20) day of absence, excepting absences certified by a physician as due to illness, injury or quarantine. ...

Please note the similarity to Section 3 of Article 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **PIAA By-Laws Article 3**

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#### **Section 3. How Absence Affects Eligibility.**

A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days, shall not be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest until the student has been in attendance for a total of forty-five (45) school days following the student's twentieth (20th) day of absence. ...

Perhaps item 5 of Board Policy 10495 was patterned after the PIAA By-Laws. The PIAA By-Laws underwent a revision several years ago. 60 days of attendance represents over 1/3 of our academic calendar. Perhaps the committee may want to consider realigning Board Policy with the revised PIAA By-Laws as follows?

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5. A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days shall not be eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity until the student has been in attendance for a total of sixty (60) school days has met the proscribed requirements of Section 3 of Article 3 of the PIAA By-Laws following his or her twentieth (20) day of absence, excepting absences certified by a physician as due to illness, injury or quarantine. ...

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