

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3	NEPN Code: JJIE
STUDENT POLICIES & REGULATIONS	

OPEN GYM/FIELD/ROAD POLICY

The South Dakota High School Activities Association holds local administrators responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Open Gym/Field/Road Policy within each member schools jurisdiction.

Member schools may provide an open gym/field/road opportunities for students during the regular school year or summer months provided the following criteria listed below is followed.

1. Local governing board has adopted an open gym/field/road policy that incorporates SDHSAA guidelines as well as any other matter that would be germane to this type of activity.
2. This is a program whereby the gymnasium, field, road, or any other facility is made available to all students for recreational purposes. Attendance must be on a voluntary basis.
3. Member schools may furnish specific equipment related to the open gym/field/road activity such as balls, goals, nets, mats, etc.
4. The time and dates of open gym/field/road shall be made known to the student body by the administration, in a timely manner, through announcements, bulletin board postings, school paper articles, etc. Local policy may designate certain schedules for girls only, boys only, or grade levels.
5. Participants must furnish their own clothing such as sweat shirts, shorts, shoes, etc.
6. Supervision of the open gym/field/road shall be subject to local school board policy and must include but not be limited to the following.
 - A. The person in charge of supervising open gym/field/road may not coach the students during the open gym/field/road session. The restriction includes, but is not limited to, the teaching of fundamentals for a specific sport. In this regard, organized practice sessions during open gym/field/road are prohibited.
 - B. High School coaches may supervise open gym/field/road.

The Marion School District students may choose to participate in open gym/field/road if they are currently involved in another sport. The Marion School District subscribes to the SDHSAA philosophy of multi-sport athletes, rather than sports specialization. Because open gym/field/road may involve both in-season and out-of-season athletes, supervisors shall advise in-season athletes of their responsibilities to their current sport and restrict their activities to those that would be deemed non-detrimental to their in-season sports team. To ensure compliance with SDHSAA regulations and guidelines – and address concerns for legal liability – open gym/field/road activities can be supervised by members of the Marion Public School staff, or other administrative approved adults over the age of 18, who are not currently enrolled in the Marion School District.

If school is called off because of inclement weather, there may be open gym if there is an adult supervisor, and that supervisor has parental approval for each of the 7-12 students that are staying for open gym.

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