

*PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS IN LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT*

Definitions:

- **Class** is defined as a K-12 course that is offered by Lyon County School District.
- **Extracurricular activity** is defined as a before or after-school activity for which a paid, extracurricular contract is available. School clubs or organizations having a designated teacher or volunteer and **K-8 sports** are included in this definition.
- **Space available** is defined as student space that does not exceed the predetermined maximum class size for a particular course or extracurricular activity. Space availability is to be determined after the registration of enrolled students is complete.
- **Qualified to Participate** is defined as the parent or legal guardian demonstrating that the child meets the same enrollment prerequisites; that exist for all other students in a particular class or extracurricular activity. Examples of enrollment prerequisites include the age and gender of the child which would follow established school practices.
- **Demonstrate**, as used in the previous definition, is defined as the ability to show that the child has the ability to define, identify or list the major components of a subject and if part of an activity, to perform the activity in accordance with commonly held standards or, when applicable, to standards set for all other students (NRS 385.080). Examples could include interviews with a teacher to determine readiness, written work previously done by the child, or results from performance/placement tests.

Students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools, charter schools or who are home schooled may enroll in classes or extracurricular activities in Lyon County School District schools under the following conditions:

Requests for participation in a class must be in the receiving principal's possession on or before the **5th day prior** to the beginning of each semester. It is the responsibility of the designated school administrator to complete, sign, and date Section II of the **Student Participation Request** form. The school principal or his/her designee will inform the parent/guardian whether the request is accepted or denied before the first day of class, place copies of completed forms in school records and forward a copy of all forms to the Homeschool Coordinator.

If a parent of a homeschool student would like his/her child to participate in the age-appropriate **Field Trip and/or Academic Activity**, the parent must contact the school principal five days prior to the event. If space is available for eth activity, the parent, acting as the teacher of record, is responsible for transporting his/her child to and from the event, chaperoning the child for the duration of the event and paying any applicable fees. *This does not pertain to a field trip or activity that takes place as part of the class in which the homeschool student is enrolled.*

In order to participate in a Lyon County School District School Reward or Extra Curricular Activity a student must be (1) be enrolled in the class or activity in L.C.S.D. and (2) meet eligibility requirements.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to request information regarding student qualifications for participation. If space is available, the homeschool, charter school or nonpublic school student must meet the same enrollment prerequisites or guidelines that exist for all other students seeking to participate in the class or extracurricular activity. Qualifications may include but are not limited to:

- Verification of intent to homeschool (**Notification of Intent**)
- Proof of immunization or notification of religious exemption
- Report Card or opportunity to review student work
- Completion of prerequisite courses
- Co-curricular participation (participation in extracurricular activity requires concurrent enrollment in a specified course)
- Parent Conference with Teacher or Coach, Principal and Student

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to (1) complete, sign and date section 1 of the **Student Participation Request** form, (2) submit the completed form and (3) adequately demonstrate the student's qualification for participation in the class or extracurricular activity, within the required time frame.

K-8 PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the **L.C.S.D. Promotion Ceremony**, a homeschool student must be enrolled as a full-time Lyon County School District student prior to spring level testing (Achievement Level Tests), achieving at or above the 8th grade level on all three assessments.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in a Lyon County School District graduation ceremony, a homeschool student must meet the following requirements of **L.C.S.D. Policy, JECEE**.

Home Schooling Diploma Policy

Students at the secondary level who have been approved for homeschooling and wish to enroll in the Lyon County School District to complete a high school program and obtain a diploma from the Lyon County School district must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must have been approved for homeschooling for the time that they were not attending a public or private school.
2. Only credits earned for courses offered by an accredited correspondence school approved by the State Board of Education will be accepted by the high school.
3. The student must complete all graduation requirements of the Lyon County School District, attend the high school for at least one full year immediately prior to graduation, and complete a minimum of six credits in order to be issued a diploma.
4. A minimum of six credits issued by the high school must be earned to complete the high school program. At least four of the six credits must be earned in subjects required for high school graduation and not in elective courses.

SPORTS

Grades 9-12:

Students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools, charter schools or who are home schooled may participate in NIAA sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event under the following conditions:

1. The charter school, private school, parochial school or public school enrolls not more than 30 pupils collectively in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 during a school year, or
2. The pupil resides in the school district or zone of attendance in which the public school is located or the public school is nearest to the residence of the pupil, or
3. The sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event is not offered at the charter school, private school, parochial school or public school in which the pupil is enrolled; and
4. The Board of Trustees approves the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at the public school.
5. The parent/guardian must contact the student's zoned school for information regarding the sport, (i.e. the schedule of events and activities and the LCSD/NIAA requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility).
6. The homeschool, charter school or nonpublic school student must meet the same enrollment prerequisites or guidelines that exist for all other students seeking to participate in the sport. Eligibility requirements, at a minimum, will include:
 - a. Verification of intent to homeschool (Notification of Intent).
 - b. Proof of immunization or notification of religious exemption.
 - c. A signed statement or comparable documentation from the parent that the student is enrolled/taking at least two semester credits for each semester that the student participates in any NIAA sport.
 - d. A signed statement or comparable documentation from the parent that the student maintained a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better for the prior semester.
 - e. Signed statement or comparable documentation that the student is in grades 9-12; resides within the school's boundaries; has not graduated from high school or received a GED; is not enrolled full time in a college, junior college or other post-secondary school; has not competed as a professional; has not participated on a post-secondary athletic team.
 - f. Proof of insurance.
 - g. Documentation of recent physical examination.
 - h. Completion of all required LCSD athletic forms.
7. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete, sign and date Section I of the Student participation Request form (forms should be obtained directly from the student's zoned school that is sponsoring the sport). The parent must submit the completed form to the LCSD school principal/designee along with the required documentation of student's eligibility in accordance with LCSD/NIAA guidelines for Participation. All

sports forms should be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the first day of practice for that sport's season to ensure that the eligibility process is completed before practice begins.

8. It is the responsibility of the designated school administrator to complete, sign, and date Section II of the Student Participation Request form. The school designee must inform the parent/guardian whether the request will be accepted or denied, place copies of completed forms in school records and forward a copy of all forms to the LCSD Homeschool Coordinator.
9. Once this process is completed, the child is eligible to "try-out" for the sport requested. Completion of this process does not guarantee a position in a roster-limited sport.

Students approved to participate in a LCSD NIAA sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event may be required to pay any costs associated with their participation in the sanctioned sport or interscholastic event.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Class/Extracurricular Participation

**Lyon County School District Student
Participation Request Form**

Section I: This section to be completed by parent/guardian

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Please select participation option(s):

- **Student wishes to participate in a class that is offered by Lyon County School District.**

Name of class being requested _____

Duration of class _____

Qualification _____

- _____

Student wishes to participate in an extracurricular activity.

Name of class/activity being requested _____

Duration of class/activity _____

Qualification _____

If the Lyon County School District authorizes my child's participation in a class or extracurricular activity, I understand that the Lyon County School district is not required to provide transportation for my child to attend the class or activity, unless the field trip or activity pertains to a class in which the homeschool student is enrolled.

I understand that my child must abide by all rules associated with participation in the above class and/or extracurricular activity, including but not limited to:

- Eligibility requirements
- Attendance, including performances and special rehearsals, etc.
- Grading & Citizenship
- Class and school rules
- Class, school and district discipline policies
- Fund raising or fee requirements, including book deposits

I understand the Lyon County School District may revoke approval for participation in a class or extracurricular activity if the School Administrator of the school determines that the student has failed to comply with applicable statutes, or applicable rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees. If the Lyon County School district revokes its approval, neither the board of Trustees nor the public school is liable for any damages relating to the denial of services to the pupil.

Parent/guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Section II: This section to be completed by School Principal

Space for student participation in the above class or extracurricular activity

is available

is not available

Demonstration of the student's qualification to participate in the above class or extracurricular activity

is satisfactory

is not satisfactory School

Principal's signature _____

Date _____

Principal notified parent via written correspondence of the request's **approval/denial** on: _____

(Circle one)

9-12 Sport Participation

**Lyon County School District Student
Participation Request Form**

Section I: This section to be completed by parent/guardian

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

- **Student wishes to participate in a sport.** ("Sport" is defined as an athletic activity or event governed by NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Athletics Association).

Name of sport being requested _____

Duration of sport _____

I understand that my child must abide by all Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association guidelines for Participation in the above sport and as the parent of the home-schooled student, I am recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues (NIAA Regulations, 2070.0810).

I understand the Lyon County School District may revoke approval for participation in a sport if the School Administrator of the school determines that the student has failed to comply with applicable statutes, or applicable rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees. If the Lyon County School District revokes its approval, neither the Board of Trustees nor the public school is liable for any damages relating to the denial of services to the pupil.

Parent/guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Section II; This section to be completed by School Principal

Space for student participation in the above sport

is available

is not available

School _____

Principal's signature _____ Date _____

Principal notified parent via written correspondence of the request's **approval/denial** on: _____
(Circle one)

**Lyon County School District
Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association
Guidelines for Participation of Home School Students in Sports**

Guidelines for Participation

1. The parent must have a Notification of Intent to Home School submitted to the district where the student lives. The parent of the home-schooled student is recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues (NIAA Regulation, 2070.0810).
2. Pursuant to NRS 386, a home-schooled student is entitled to, and must comply with, the same rules, requirements and provisions that apply to a public schooled student who participates in the same activity or event. This includes NIAA requirements for residency.
 - a. Eligibility and qualifications for participation. The student must:
 - Meet the academic eligibility requirements specified under item #4 and pursuant to NIAA Regulation 2070.0810.4
 - Be enrolled in or taking at least two units of semester credit, (four classes) as verified by the parent, for each semester the student participates in any NIAA sport (NIAA 2070.0903).
 - Be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (NIAA 2070.04(a)).
 - Reside within the boundaries of the school (NIAA 2070.04(b)).
 - Comply with all eligibility rules and regulations of the NIAA and the school and the school district (NIAA 2070.04(c)).
 - Have not graduated from high school nor received a GED (NIAA 2070.04 (d)).
 - Not be enrolled full time in a college or junior college or to the post-secondary institution (NIAA 2070.04(e)).
 - Not have participated on a college or junior college post-secondary institution athletic team (NIAA 2070.04(f)).
 - Not have competed as a professional in the sport the student is seeking to participate in (NIAA 2070.04 (g)).
 - b. Fees for Participation, (NIAA Regulation 2070.0810)
 - School will assess a fee to cover the cost of a student identification/activity card (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - c. Insurance
 - Proof of insurance required (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - d. Transportation
 - Adhere to school transportation guidelines (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - e. Requirements of physical examination
 - Provide proof of physical fitness as determined by a physical on the proper forms (NIAA policy 2070.1101, LCSD requirement for all students).
 - f. Responsibilities of participants.
 - Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Adhere to the school rules, district policies (Policy 216, 529, 523a and other policies and regulations that may pertain to students) and State statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students).

- Adhere to state requirements relative to immunizations (NRS 392.435; NRS 439.550; NRS 392.437; NRS 392.443).
- g. Schedules of events will be obtainable at the school of the participant.
- h. Safety and welfare of participants.
- Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Adhere to the school rules, district policies (Policy 216, 529, 523a and other policies and regulations that may pertain to students) and state statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students).
- i. Eligibility for awards; all eligible participants.
- j. Conduct of behavior and performance of participants.
- Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Adhere to the school rules, district policies (Policy 216, 529, 523a and other policies and regulations that may pertain to students) and state statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).
- k. Disciplinary procedures.
- Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - Adhere to the school rules, district and State statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).
3. The student's academic program must comply with provisions of NAC 392.035, established by the Nevada State Board of Education pertaining to the kind and amount of equivalent instruction to provide to home school students.
- The NAC 392.035 states:
 1. The kind of instruction to be given a child excused from compulsory attendance must include instruction in the following:
 - (a) Core academics:
 - (1) English, including reading, composition and writing;
 - (2) Mathematics;
 - (3) Science, and
 - (4) Social Studies, including history, geography, economics and government.
 - (b) And to the extent practicable:
 - (1) The arts;
 - (2) Computer education and technology
 - (3) Health; and
 - (4) Physical education.
 2. The kind of instruction need not comply with the standards of content and performance established for public schools. All subject areas do not need to be taught each year and may be taught, as appropriate, for the age/skill of the child as determined by the parent.

3. The amount of instruction to be given a child outside the public schools is the equivalent of 180 days of instruction.
4. The parent of the home school program must submit academic eligibility information pursuant to the provisions of the option chosen by the school district in Regulation 2070.0904. In accordance with these regulations, LCSD has chosen NIAA option C for the district's eligibility requirements. Under Option C, students must have passing grades in all courses during the sport season with progress checked a minimum of once every three weeks (Regulations 2079.0905); and, a 2.0 minimum academic grade point average during the prior semester (Regulation 2070.0906). The information will be provided to, and administered through, the member or affiliate school athletic department in the following manner:
 - a. The check will be administered through the school athletic department (NIAA policy 2070.0810).
 - b. The grade check must be submitted according to the established timelines set forth by the school (LCSD requirement for all students).
 - c. The parent(s) or legal guardian must submit a progress report as proof of eligibility for a three-week period (LCSD requirement for all students).
5. A home school student who withdraws from a member or affiliate school shall:
 - a. If eligible at the time of withdrawal, remain immediately eligible.
 - b. If ineligible at the time of withdrawal, comply with the provisions of regulations 2070.0905 to 2070.0908 for regaining eligibility pursuant to the option chosen in 2070.0904.
6. The following items shall be provided to the home school parent at the time the student indicates interest in participating in the member or affiliate school's athletic program.
 - a. The member or affiliate school eligibility option chosen by the school district under regulation 2070.0904.
Parents may contact the athletic department at the school of the participant to obtain a copy of the district's guide lines document that contains this information (Item #4 listed above).
 - b. Any and all schedules and requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility.
 - c. The Athletic Department contact for communicating academic eligibility information.
Parents may contact the Principals at the school of the participant for this information.
7. Pursuant to NRS 386, no challenge may be brought by a school district, a public school, a parent or a guardian of a pupil enrolled in public school or private school, or any other entity or person, claiming that an NIAA activity or event is invalid because home schooled students are allowed to participate in the activity or event.
8. Pursuant to NRS 386, a school district, public school or private school shall not prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the:
 - i. Eligibility of home school students to participate in NIAA activities and events; or
 - ii. Participation of home school students in NIAA activities and events, that are more restrictive than the provisions governing eligibility and participation prescribed by the NIAA in 2070.0180 of this guideline.

The Lyon County School District Guidelines document is developed in concert with the NIAA regulation 2070.0810, NIAA policies, pertinent NRS and NAC requirements and the Lyon County School District policies and procedures governing all students' participation in school sponsored sports events and activities.

