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# Student/Parent Handbook

## 2024-25

### **Mt. Zion Elementary School**

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# Welcome to Mt. Zion Elementary School!

Dear Parents and Students:

The teachers and staff of Mt. Zion Elementary would like to welcome you to an exciting 2024-25 school year! This handbook has been prepared to give you important information you will need throughout the year.

Mt. Zion Elementary is part of the Charleston County School District. The mission of the Charleston County School District, a dynamic system of challenging educational choices, is to increase student achievement overall and close achievement gaps in order to prepare all students to compete in a global economy and make a positive contribution to our community and nation. Our goal is for every child to graduate from CCSD with the critical skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and the 21st Century global workforce.

This year at Mt. Zion we will continue to work to connect, communicate, and collaborate as a part of a comprehensive team that includes all students, parents, teachers, staff and community. We will work together to ensure each student receives an education that enables him/her to become a confident, competent, respectful, responsible, creative and critical thinker. We will support each other and hold each other accountable. We will continue to support differentiated learning, higher order thinking and student engagement through implementation of STEAM strategies and other innovative, research-based practices.

As we continue to work together, and grow and expand as a school family, more opportunities will arise for our students!

Please stay informed by visiting our school's website, Facebook page and Twitter account for updated information and announcements. Please take advantage of volunteer opportunities and stay tuned for other ways to be involved!

We look forward to partnering with you as your child learns and grows at Mt. Zion Elementary School! We are so pleased to have you as a part of our Mt. Zion Elementary School family!

Sincerely,

Anna Mims  
Principal

**School Colors:** Blue, White, and Red

**Mascot:** Wildcats

Mt. Zion Elementary is a Title I school that is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by implementing strategies and programs that build our students' creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills.

Our mission, working in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high quality education through a curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

We have partnered with Kiawah Cares to develop a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) initiative at Mt. Zion, with all of our CD-5th grade students receiving lessons from a certified teacher using the Project Lead the Way Launch curriculum at least once per week. Our teachers have also been trained in Ongoing Assessment Practices (OGAP) in order to further their knowledge about teaching math conceptually, and how students build and develop their conceptual understanding. We will continue supporting our students to develop strong mathematical understanding in the 2024-25 school year.

Our school works to support the whole child through the use of the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum, which teachers and our counselor use regularly. We are also a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) school, and we strive to support students in developing their social skills as well as their academic skills each day. Schoolwide we implement Restorative Practices in order to strengthen relationships throughout our school community. Students participate in Circles daily with their peers, which we found to have a significant impact on student well-being last school year. This year we will be continuing our partnership with Communities in Schools to increase our supports for our students through community partnerships.

Faculty and staff will continue to develop students' ability to read and write creatively and critically. We are also working to further develop our students' background knowledge by implementing content-rich reading and writing opportunities throughout the curriculum, including through our new implementation of the Amplify/CKLA English Language Arts Curriculum. The majority of our faculty members have completed LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training, with the remainder of our staff scheduled to complete the training soon.

The faculty, staff, and parents look forward to seeing the results of the strategies designed to increase students' ability to read and write critically and to think creatively and problem-solve.

## Title I

Mt. Zion Elementary is a Title I school. This is a federally funded program. Our funds are used to ensure appropriate resources are available to each student. If you are interested in serving on the School Improvement Council / Title I Planning Team, please let the principal know. A copy of the Title I Plan is available in the main office for review.

## Administration

Mt. Zion has one principal, Mrs. Anna Mims, and two assistant principals, Mrs. Reagan Price and Mrs. Kendra Stewart. All three administrators are happy to assist you with any questions that you may have related to your child. If you have questions about your child's daily experience at Mt. Zion or academic assignments, please reach out to your child's teacher first. For questions related to behavior/discipline and state testing, please reach out to Mrs. Price. For questions related to special education, including individual student eligibility for services, please reach out to Mrs. Stewart. Please note that Mrs. Stewart is at Mt. Zion part-time, and spends the remainder of her work week at Angel Oak Elementary.

## Attendance

**Attendance is a requirement for promotion.** Student attendance also impacts Mt. Zion Elementary's State Report Card ratings. Students may not be eligible for promotion if they have more than ten *unlawful* or *unexcused* absences. **The school office must receive a valid excuse (a note), written by the parent or guardian within three days after the student returns to school.** Doctor's offices can also fax medical excuses to the office at 843-559-6440. This excuse (note) must contain:

- Student's name
- Teacher's name
- Date(s) of absence
- Specific reason for absence
- Signature of parent or guardian

Attendance conferences will be held with parents of children who exceed the South Carolina Attendance Regulation Laws. Student attendance is monitored very closely. Please read the Student Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy in your child's beginning of the year packet.

*Please remember that your child’s attendance is extremely important to the performance of our school. Our school must meet certain attendance requirements. Please have your children at school every day!*

## **Bell Schedule**

7:00-8:00	Kaleidoscope Morning Program
8:05	Doors Open/Students go to Breakfast in Cafeteria
8:20	Students dismissed to classrooms (cafeteria/car riders)
8:30	School Day begins ( <i>students are tardy after 8:30</i> )
8:30	Morning News/Attendance/Instruction begins
3:20	Instruction ends/Prepare for Dismissal
3:25	Afternoon announcements/Dismissal begins
3:45	Dismissal ends and remaining students escorted to Kaleidoscope Program
3:50	Teachers dismissed



## **Birthday Parties**

MZE will NOT have “birthday parties” for students. Parents may bring a small party favor or a snack to be shared with the class during the last 15 minutes of the school day or during lunch. NO BALLOONS, GIFTS, FLOWERS, etc. will be allowed to keep class disruptions minimal.

**Note: All foods served at MZE to students should be store-purchased (not homemade) so that everything served to students comes from a state-inspected kitchen and all ingredients can be monitored for children with food allergies. Please check with your child’s teacher about allergies in the classroom.**

## **Breakfast and Lunch**

We are pleased to inform you that Mt. Zion Elementary will continue to have free healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks at our school for all children for the 2024-25 school year as part of the USDA’s Community Eligibility Program.

*Breakfast* will be served in the cafeteria until 8:25. Accommodations will be made for students arriving on **late buses** through “Grab and Go” options. Questions regarding Food Service should be directed to our cafeteria manager, Ms. Jessica D’Amico. After breakfast, students should report directly to his or her room at the direction of the staff on duty throughout the school. *Lunch* will be served based on a schedule that best meets the needs of

our learners throughout the day. A lunch period lasts 20-30 minutes depending on the grade level.



## Bus Discipline Policy

First Student Bus Services and the bus drivers have the responsibility to provide your family with safe transportation to and from school. Therefore, it is extremely important for students to maintain proper behavior that allows the bus driver to provide his/her service in a safe manner.

Students should follow the expectations explained in the Student Code of Conduct in order to show understanding of our rules on the bus and at the bus stops. Transportation to and from school is a service delivered to your family free of charge and is an extra service.

In order to maintain safety on the bus, service will be denied to students that cause a danger to the safety of others by acting in ways that distract the bus driver or show disrespect to others or school property.



Choosing to participate in unacceptable behavior will result in loss of bus service. From the time the students board the bus in the morning until they disembark in the afternoon, they will be considered “at school” and will be subject to all school rules and regulations. The bus is an extension of the school. The district Progressive Discipline Plan will be followed. The Progressive Discipline Plan can be found on our school’s website.

Any time a student is suspended from the bus it is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation for the student to school and home from school. Please contact First Student Bus Service at 843-823-3884 with questions or concerns.

**Students who have reason to ride a bus other than their assigned bus must bring a note from a parent to the front office by the end of homeroom to be approved and receive a bus permission slip. Students will not be allowed to ride a different bus unless this procedure is followed.**

Please use the Bus Stop Lookup Tool (located on CCSD website) to locate your child's closest bus stop and bus route. While we use color codes at Mt. Zion, the district uses bus numbers to keep track of the buses throughout the district. 906 = Red, 908 = Orange, 910 = Yellow, 019 = AM Green, 023 = PM Green

Please use the First View app to check on the status of your child's school bus.

Our school code for Mt. Zion on the First View app is NHTD.

## Car Line

Cars are to enter the loop at the River Road entrance of the school (heading towards Kiawah, after you pass the school on the right). Cars need to have car tags displayed to pick up students. **For safety reasons, if you do not have a car tag, you must come into the front office and show I.D.** Parents who walk up to get their children will be called AFTER the first car riders in line are called for dismissal. Please be patient and understand that we must keep student safety a priority.

## Daily Arrival/Daily Dismissal/Early Dismissal

**Arrival:** *Adult supervision at Mt. Zion Elementary begins at 8:05 a.m. Students should not be dropped off before 8:05 a.m. due to the lack of adult supervision.* For this reason, the school will not be responsible for students left unsupervised by parents before 8:05 a.m. Bus students will enter the building through the cafeteria door. Car riders should be dropped off at the car rider loop until 8:30, and at the front entrance after 8:30.

Mt. Zion Elementary *does* provide an early morning before school program through Kaleidoscope to ensure supervision before school hours. It is the responsibility of the parent to enroll their child in the **Kaleidoscope morning program** if the parent plans to drop off their child before 8:00 a.m. There is a limit on how many students can participate in the morning program for supervision and safety reasons, so pre-registration is required. The Kaleidoscope morning program begins at 7:00 a.m. and entrance is through the cafeteria door.

**If your child arrives late to school after 8:30 a.m., the parent is to walk the student into the school and sign the student in at the office. The student will be marked tardy (lawful or unlawful) depending upon the circumstances.**

**Dismissal:** The office will not interrupt classes to deliver transportation messages to your child unless it is an emergency. **There will be no change of transportation messages taken or delivered after 2:45 p.m.** Please make sure your child knows how to get home in the afternoon before leaving for school in the morning. Students will be dismissed beginning at 3:25 p.m. Parents are asked to arrive promptly to receive students. *Any changes in the regular routine will require a note for the teacher and the bus driver.*

**Car riders will be dismissed through the annex building gate.** Parents will form a line on River Road through the car rider loop and follow directions of the staff on duty. **Car riders not picked up by 3:45 P.M. will be escorted to the Front Office and/or the Kaleidoscope After-School Extended Day Program.**



**Kaleidoscope After-School Extended Day Program** operates Monday-Friday immediately after school until 6:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope is only available for students in CD-Grade 5, and spaces are limited. If you are interested in Kaleidoscope, please reach out to our site coordinator, Adam Terry at [adam\\_terry@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:adam_terry@charleston.k12.sc.us).

**Early Dismissal of Students:** All adults will be asked for identification whenever a student is being signed out. Please be sure to list any adult that is allowed to sign out your student as an Emergency Contact when you register for the school year through PowerSchool Parent Portal. Anyone not listed will need to have additional permission from you in order to sign out your student. **We ask parents to arrive by 2:50 to request early dismissal in order to give us sufficient time to get your child to the office before the buses arrive. We will not allow students to be signed out after 2:55 p.m. as it is disruptive to our dismissal process and can be a safety hazard due to the school bus loading zone.** Please do not be upset when you are asked to produce identification. Remember, this is for the safety of your child!



### **Dangerous Weather**

In case of sudden, extreme weather conditions (hurricane, flooding, tornado, etc.), school may be dismissed early. If inclement weather occurs during the morning hours, there may be a “two-hour delay” called for by the superintendent. Students should not report until 10:15. No breakfast will be served.

### **Dress Code**

Mt. Zion Elementary students (CD-5th) will wear a uniform consisting of:

- Any blue, white, or red collared shirt or t-shirt with NO designs. Solid colored dresses in blue, white, red, or khaki/tan are also allowed.
- Mt. Zion Elementary Spirit shirts designed with school logo (Haut Gap MS and St. John’s HS shirts are also allowed to show our island spirit 😊).
- Any solid-colored pants, shorts, or skirts, including blue jeans with no holes.
- Sneakers preferred. Shoestrings and straps must be tied or Velcro-ed. Sandals must have a back strap to secure the shoe to the foot. Flip-flops and high-heeled shoes are not allowed.
- Heavy coats, hoodies, hats and outdoor jackets will be hung in the classroom at the direction of the teacher during cold periods.
- Students/families who join our PTO can participate in weekly dress down Fridays and special spirit days. Join the PTO and join the fun!

The CCSD Dress Code policy for students can be [located](#) online in the CCSD Board Policy manual. If your family needs support with uniforms, please contact the school; we are happy to connect you with resources to provide uniforms for your child if there is a need.

\*\*\*Mt. Zion Elementary supports the school uniform policy for all learners. If parents wish for their student to be considered for exclusion from wearing a uniform, a Uniform Waiver Request Form must be completed from the front office. Waivers will only be approved in special circumstances. Students are required to wear the school uniform until the principal AND the Executive Director have approved the waiver. If assistance is needed in obtaining the proper uniform, please contact the school at 843-559-3841.

## **Emergencies**

Emergency contact information must be updated through the registration process at the start of each school year. If your contact information changes, or the contact information for your emergency contacts changes, please call the front office ASAP so that Mrs. Smalls-Scott can update your child's records. Please be sure to provide the school with a working number where you can be contacted, as well as the number for the family physician in case of emergency. **If you cannot be reached during the day, please list at least two additional adults with a working phone in your emergency contacts who can be responsible for your child's emergency.**

## **Expectations for Behavior**

Mt. Zion Elementary has established school-wide expectations for the behavior of students based on our PBIS and Second Step plan. Students are given on-going instruction concerning routines and procedures to encourage positive behavior and establish clear expectations. When students experience difficulties with meeting these expectations, the teacher will follow a pre-established plan to help the student work through the problem. Our intent is to be positive, proactive, and preventative in our system of management. Your teacher will share these class expectations with you and your child at the beginning of the school year. You will be notified and expected to pick up your child if a major disruption occurs and we are unable to deescalate the situation. We appreciate parents working with us and supporting this approach as we strive to make each classroom and our school a safe and productive educational environment for every student!

Students are asked to follow our PBIS expectations and to be "Wonderful Wildcats." Our PBIS expectations are:

- Practice Responsibility
- A+ Attitude
- Work Hard
- Stay Safe

Students have the opportunity to earn tickets when following our school expectations. As a school, we work towards a schoolwide celebration.

## Grading Policy

<b>Kindergarten, First and Second Grade</b>	<b>Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade</b>
C (Consistent Demonstration)	90-100 A
E (Emerging Demonstration)	80-89 B
N (Needs Improvement)	70-79 C
NA (Not Assessed)	60-69 D
	60 and below F

\*Grades will be recorded as numbers on report cards for students in grades 3-5.\*

## Guest Policy

You are always welcome to be a guest at our school as long as safety/health protocol allows. All guests to the school need to alert the teacher (24 hrs. notice preferred) and must stop in the front office upon arrival to MZES to receive a Visitor's Pass. Please bring photo identification into the school with you. Please remember, no parent conferences can be held during instructional time periods. Contact your child's teacher ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

## Gum

Students are not allowed to chew gum at school, on school grounds or on the school bus. Please have your child leave all gum at home.

## Head Lice

**If a student is found to have live head lice at school, someone will be required to pick the child up from school.** The student cannot return to school until he/she has been treated and can show proof of treatment. If a student has nits (eggs) at school, the parent will be contacted and the student must be treated before returning to school the next day. If a student is absent from school because of lice, this is not an excused absence according to the Attendance

Regulations of South Carolina. Please take care of lice appropriately to prevent the spread of lice from one person to another.

## Homework



Homework given at Mt. Zion Elementary by the discretion of each teacher and will be purposeful, age-appropriate, engaging and connected to curriculum standards. You will be asked to be an active participant in learning with your child at home. **Students are encouraged to read every night!**

## Legal Issues

If a child reports that there is any type of abuse taking place, or if there are any unexplained injuries, liability requires that we report the incident to authorities. The school is a mandated reporting agency, even if there is only a suspicion.

## Library Books

Students have opportunities to check out library books from our wonderful school library collection throughout the year. If a student loses a library book and is unable to locate it, the family is responsible for the cost of replacing the lost book. Our librarian will provide multiple reminders to students and families to return books that are overdue.

## Medication



Students are to bring all medication to the clinic to be dispensed. The nurse must have a signed permission form from the parent and the physician before any medicine can be given to the student. These forms are available from the nurse. The instructions on the medicine will be followed. See our school nurse for further information about over-the-counter medications if applicable.

## Media



We want to tell our story and share all of the wonderful learning that is happening at Mt. Zion with the community! Students may appear in photos, video and social media posts, in the newspaper and/or in the yearbook. As part of the registration process this school year, you were asked to complete a media release form

so that we can follow your wishes when it comes to your child's image being shared. If you would like to change your preferences at any time, please contact the front office.

## **Nurse/Clinic**

Students that are sick will be sent or escorted to the clinic with a pass to see the nurse. Any student that is vomiting, has diarrhea or is running a temperature of 100 ° or more is required to go home. The student cannot return to school until he/she has been fever-free for a 24 hour period. Students that are sick in the morning before school should stay home. Parents will be notified if students are hurt or injured in any way during the school day.

## **Parent/Teacher Communication**

Teachers will keep parents informed of their child's progress through the use of a Red Weekly Folder and other communication platforms (Remind, Seesaw, Talking Points, email, etc.). Please review the folder paperwork, sign the appropriate sheet and return it as soon as possible so the teacher can begin preparing for the next week.

It is expected that parents meet with their child's teacher at family data conference time and other scheduled times throughout the year. If a student is in danger of being retained in his/her present grade, the parents will be called in for a conference with the student's teacher prior to the end of April.

If a parent wishes to speak with a teacher about academic or behavior problems, the parent is to contact the teacher to plan a conference. This can be done via phone or email. *Please talk with the teacher directly before asking to meet with the principal or administration.* Please come to the office immediately upon arrival in the building to sign in and receive a Visitor's Pass.

## **Parent/Family/Community Support**

There are multiple ways for families and community members to get involved with Mt. Zion! Our School Improvement Council meets monthly, typically on the 2nd Wednesday, to discuss the latest happenings at Mt. Zion and to get family and community input on future plans for our school. Any parent, family or community member is welcome to attend. Please watch out for the meeting announcements in the Wildcat Weekly newsletter.

Our PTO has many ways to get involved; this organization spearheads fundraising for our school, and uses the funds to support class parties, teacher appreciation gifts and other school needs. If you would like to get involved with the PTO, please contact [mtzioanelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:mtzioanelementarypto@gmail.com) for more information.

Hope Johnston is our School Counselor. You can reach her at [hope\\_johnston@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:hope_johnston@charleston.k12.sc.us) or by calling the school at 843-559-3841. Marcila Nelson is our HeadStart Family Advocate. You can reach her at [marcila\\_nelson@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:marcila_nelson@charleston.k12.sc.us) or by calling the school at 843-559-3841. Magaly Torres is our bilingual parent advocate, she can be reached at [magaly\\_torres@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:magaly_torres@charleston.k12.sc.us) or (843) 754-9222.

Communities in Schools is continuing to work at Mt. Zion for the 2024-25 school year, and the Site Coordinator is Katie Rush, who has a background in social work. She is able to connect families to resources in the community, as well as help coordinate community involvement in Mt. Zion. Her email is [katherine\\_rush.c@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:katherine_rush.c@charleston.k12.sc.us)

Mt. Zion has a cell phone that is available for parents to use to contact the school in English or Spanish. This number is (843) 301-8929

## Registration



All students that attend our school must complete an online registration form, available through [ccsdschools.com](https://ccsdschools.com). A birth certificate, South Carolina immunization record and proof of residency are required. The school will request records from the student's previous school. Please see the data clerk in the front office for more details.

## Tardy Policy



Students must be on time to reduce classroom disruptions. Any student (except bus riders) that arrives after 8:30 a.m. for any reason must be **signed in by a parent. Parents of tardy students must come into the office with their child(ren) to sign them in.** Bus students will not be marked tardy if it is a bus problem. Students that are tardy more than 3 times will receive a letter. After 5 times, parents will be asked to have a parent conference with an administrator or school advocate.

## Telephone

Pupils are not allowed to use the phone except in emergency situations. Messages for students will be taken in the office for emergency situations only. Please make all arrangements for transportation and after-school care prior to sending your child to school.

## **CELL PHONES ARE TO BE STORED AWAY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND TURNED OFF.**

If the student has a cell phone and it is lost, stolen or damaged, the school will accept no responsibility for the phone. If the student takes the cell phone out during the school day and/or it is not turned off, the cell phone will be held by administration and returned only to the parent.

### **Technology/Internet Guidelines**

The parent, student and student's teacher must sign a copy of the Technology and Internet Guidelines through PowerSchool Parent Portal during the registration process. This is required before an iPad or Chromebook can be loaned to the student for the year and permission to use the Internet is granted.

### **Textbooks**

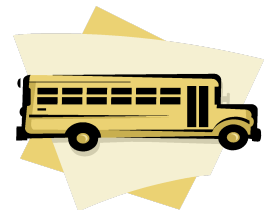
Students are assigned a textbook for each subject area. All textbooks are consumable, except for the third grade social studies books. Students are allowed to write in the consumable textbooks and textbooks may be taken home. Students are responsible for all textbooks issued to them. If a textbook is damaged or lost, a replacement may be purchased at the school.

### **Toys and Electronics**

Students must leave all toys and electronics at home. All confiscated items will be given to the principal and will only be released to a parent. The school is not responsible for the loss or the theft of any toy or electronic item (Nintendo Switch, iPads, tablets, etc.) brought to school. Refer to the Progressive Discipline Plan, which is available at [ccsdschools.com](http://ccsdschools.com).

### **Transfers/Withdrawals**

When a student transfers from Mt. Zion Elementary, parents are asked to give the school at least 24-hour notice so that we can ensure your child receives all their belongings on their last day. Records will be forwarded upon request from the new school. We cannot give records directly to parents.



### **Transportation**

Bus riders: Safety is always a primary concern at our school. Riding the school bus is a privilege. Any behavior that risks the safety of the students or the driver on the bus is grounds for removal from the bus. Removal from the bus may



be from one day to the remainder of the school year. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent if a student is suspended from the bus for any length of time. Student absences due to bus suspensions are considered unlawful. The First Student Transportation supervisor is in charge of bus routes, drivers, late buses, and school bus regulations. Students are allowed to ride a bus only if they live in the MZE bus zone, which can include Wadmalaw addresses upon special request.

Parents that have concerns regarding bus drivers, bus stops or routes should contact First Student Bus Services at 843-823-3884. Additional information regarding bus stops, routes, and an online complaint/request form are available at <https://www.ccsdschools.com/transportation>.

The school and bus company are NOT responsible for incidents occurring at your bus stop or in your neighborhood.

**Car Riders:** Safety is always a primary concern at our school. If a child is being dropped off at school, parents MUST follow the proper car line procedures. **This includes following directional signs, not passing cars in the pick-up area and displaying the proper car tag to pick up a child.** No smoking or loud music is permitted in the car line.

## **Vandalism/Defacing School Property**

Vandalism by defacing school property can be a reason for suspension. Examples of vandalism include (but are not limited to) writing on any of the surfaces in the school with anything, breaking school property, and littering, etc. Parents may be required to pay to repair or replace any item that is damaged or destroyed. This includes damaging property on school buses.

## **Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to come to school to help in the classroom, front office, or chaperone field trips. There are also several committees that need parent input and participation. Parents have the opportunity to serve on the School Improvement Committee/Title I Planning Committee and to be an active member of the Mt. Zion Parent Teacher Organization. Please complete the **Volunteer Form** on the CCSD website so that you can be approved to volunteer in our building; you can also volunteer through Reading Partners to serve as a reading tutor. Please contact Katie Rush at [katherine\\_rush.c@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:katherine_rush.c@charleston.k12.sc.us) or Reagan Price at [reagan\\_price@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:reagan_price@charleston.k12.sc.us) for more information about volunteering at Mt. Zion, including our mentorship program! The CCSD volunteer form can be found at <https://www.ccsdschools.com/domain/111>; there is a small fee for first time volunteers to cover the cost of the background check. Once paid, you will be covered for 3 calendar years.









Mt. Zion Elementary  
2024-25

**By signing below I certify that I have reviewed and understand the policies outlined in the 2024-2025 Mt. Zion Elementary Student-Parent Handbook for school and home. I agree to abide by these policies during the 2024-25 school year.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Teacher Signature

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Date

*\*Please return this form to your child's homeroom teacher.*