# Grades K-12: Participation of Home-School/Charter/Private School Students in Mineral County School District Including Special Education Services

This regulation establishes the guidelines and procedures for home-school, charter school, and private school students who wish to participate in classes or extracurricular activities within the Mineral County School District. It outlines the application process and the criteria for participation, ensuring that all students, regardless of their educational background, have a clear understanding of the requirements and expectations for involvement in the district's regular school programs.

Definitions:

- **Class** is defined as a K-12 course that is offered by the Mineral County School District during the school day.
- **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 (NRS 388A.474, NRS 392.074). 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 (NRS 388A.474). 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 home-school/charter schools/private schools may enroll in classes or extracurricular activities in Mineral County School District schools under the following conditions:**

1) Complete and return to the District Office - **Notice of Intent to Participate in Programs and Activities - NEVADA.**
2) Complete and return to the District Office - **Section I of the Mineral County School District Student Class/Extracurricular Participation Form**.
3) Complete and return to the District Office - **Mineral County School District Charter or Home-school Athletic/Class Participation Emergency Form**.

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 principal to complete, sign, and date **Section II** of the **Mineral County School District Student Class/Extracurricular Participation 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 Home-School Coordinator. Requests made after the fifth day may be considered for the subsequent semester only, except at the discretion of the principal or his/her designee.

To participate in a Mineral County School District School Reward or Extra Curricular Activity a student must be (1) enrolled in the class or activity in M.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 home-school, charter, or private 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 include but are not limited to:

- Verification of intent to home-school **(Notification of Intent)** and **Educational Plan** (NRS 388D.020 & NRS 388D.050)
- Space for the child in the class or extracurricular activity is available (NRS 392.074, NRS 388A.474)
- Proof of immunization or notification of religious exemption (NRS 392.435)
- Report Card or opportunity to review student work (NAC 385B.060, NAC 385B.756, NRS 385B.760)
- Completion of prerequisite courses (NAC 389.040) (Mineral County High School Course Catalog).
- Class is not available to the pupil at the charter school (NRS 388A.474)
- 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 I of the Mineral County School District Student Class/Extracurricular Participation 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.

<u>FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS INTO ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>

A student who has participated in a home-school program prior to seeking enrollment at the Elementary or Middle School and wishes to enroll as a full-time Elementary or Middle School student must be admitted to the grade level the parent says that the child should be attending.

Parents must write a letter and sign the letter stating that the child received grade level instruction for all the grades prior to the grade level in which the student is being enrolled. If the student is in Middle School, grades for English, social studies, mathematics, and science

must be provided for promotion to High School.

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS INTO HIGH SCHOOL

A student who has participated in a home-school program for one or more semesters prior to ninth grade and wishes to enroll as a full-time high school student must understand the following:

a) Home-school students enrolling in the ninth grade who have not completed eighth grade at an accredited public, private, or charter school must sign an affidavit verifying the student is proficient in all state standards in reading, math, science, and social studies;
b) Home-school students enrolling in a District high school after the first semester of the ninth grade **must provide an official transcript** from an accredited institution listing the courses/credits awarded from that institution; and
c) All home school transcripts will be evaluated by the Principal or his/her designee.

## K-8 PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the HJHS Promotion Ceremony: a home-school student must complete all Mineral County School District promotion requirements and attend the school for at least one full year immediately before graduation.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in a Mineral County School District (MCHS) graduation ceremony, a home-school student must meet the requirements for a standard diploma under NAC 390.440 and must meet the following criteria:

### Home-Schooling Diploma Policy

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

1. The student must have been approved for home-schooling 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 Mineral County School District and the State Board of Education, attend the high school for at least one full year immediately before graduation, and complete a minimum of six credits 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.

**Grades 9-12:**

Students who are enrolled in home-school, private schools, and charter schools may participate in the student's zoned school NIAA sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event in Mineral County School District 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 (NRS 385B.065);
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 (NRS 385B.065);
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 (NRS 385B.065); and
4) The board of trustees of the school district in which the public school is located approves the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at the public school (NRS 385B.065).
5) The parent/guardian must contact the student's school for information regarding the sport, (i.e. the schedule of events and activities and the MCSD/NIAA requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility).
6) The home-school, 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 home-school **(Notification of Intent)** and Educational Plan (NRS 388D.020 & NRS 388D.050)
    b. Proof of immunization or notification of religious exemption (NRS 392.435)
    c. Space is available for the pupil to participate (NRS 388A.474, NRS 392.074);
    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 (NAC 385B.760, NRS 388A.474).
    e. Proof of insurance.
    f. A completed and signed copy of the MCSD Student Class/Extracurricular Participation Form.
    g. A completed and signed MCSD Athletic Emergency Information Form (Home-school Students or Charter School Students).
    h. Documentation of recent physical examination.
    i. Completion of all required MCSD 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 school that is sponsoring the sport). The parent must submit the completed form to the MCSD school principal/designee along with the required documentation of student's eligibility in accordance with MCSD/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 MCSD home-school 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 MCSD 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.

The board of trustees of a school district may revoke its approval for a pupil to participate in a class, extracurricular activity, or sports for failure to provide accurate documentation through the request to participate or the school determines that the pupil failed to comply with applicable statutes, or applicable rules or regulations that apply to pupils enrolled in public schools who participate in interscholastic activities and events, including sports, apply in the same manner to home-school children who participate in interscholastic activities and events (NRS 388A.474 NRS 392.074).

## Mineral 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 and Educational Plan (NRS 388D.020 & NRS 388D.050) submitted to the district where the student lives. The parent of the home-school student is recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues (NRS 388D.020).

2. Pursuant to NAC 385B.065 and NRS 392.074, a home-school 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.
    - Be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
    - Reside within the boundaries of the school.
    - Comply with all eligibility rules and regulations of the NIAA and the school and the school district.
    - Have not graduated from high school nor received a GED.
    - Not be enrolled full-time in a college or junior college or to the post-secondary institution.
    - Not have participated on a college or junior college post-secondary institution athletic team.
    - Not have competed as a professional in the sport the student is seeking to participate in.

b. Fees for Participation
- School will assess a fee to cover the cost of a student identification/activity card (MCSD requirement for all students).

c. Insurance
- Proof of insurance required.

d. Transportation
- Adhere to school transportation guidelines (MCSD requirement for all students).

e. Requirements of physical examination
- Provide proof of physical fitness as determined by a physical on the proper district and NIAA forms (NIAA and MCSD requirement for all students).

f. Responsibilities of participants.
- Sign the Mineral County School District Student Activity Handbook forms (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Adhere to the school rules, district policies, and regulations that may pertain to students and State statutes. (MCSD 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 (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Adhere to the school rules, district policies that may pertain to students, state statutes and administrative regulations (MCSD requirement for all students).

i. Eligibility for awards, trophies, and medals; all eligible participants.

j. Conduct of behavior and performance of participants.
- Sign the athletic contract (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Adhere to the school rules, district policies, and regulations that may pertain to students and state statutes and administrative regulations (MCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).

k. Disciplinary procedures.
- Sign the athletic contract (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (MCSD requirement for all students).
- Adhere to the school rules, district and State statutes, and administrative

regulations (MCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).

3. The student's academic program must comply with provisions of NRS 388D.050, established by the Nevada State Board of Education pertaining to the kind and amount of equivalent instruction to provide to home-school students.

    • The NRS 388D.050 states:

        1. The parent of a child who is being home-school shall prepare an educational plan of instruction for the child in the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, including history, geography, economics and government, as appropriate for the age and level of skill of the child as determined by the parent.
        2. The educational plan must be included in the notice of intent to home-school filed pursuant to NRS 388D.020. If the educational plan contains the requirements of NRS 388D.020, the educational plan must not be used in any manner as a basis for denial of a notice of intent to home-school that is otherwise complete. The parent must be prepared to present the educational plan of instruction and proof of the identity of the child to a court of law if required by the court.
        3. This section does not require a parent to ensure that each subject area is taught each year that the child is home-schooled.

4. The parent of the home-school program must submit academic eligibility information pursuant to the provisions chosen by the school district (NAC 385B.756). In accordance with these regulations, MCSD has chosen NIAA option C for the district's eligibility requirements. Under Option C, students must have passing grades in all courses during the sports season with progress checked a minimum of once every three weeks; and a 2.0 minimum academic grade point average during the prior semester. The information will be provided to, and administered through, the member or affiliate school athletic department in the following manner: The check will be administered through the school athletic department.
    a. The grade check must be submitted according to the established timelines set forth by the school athletic department (MCSD requirement for all students).
    b. The grade check must be submitted according to the established timelines set forth by the school (MCSD 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 (MCSD requirement for all students).

5. A home-school student who withdraws from a member or affiliate school shall (NRS 385B.734):
    a. If eligible at the time of withdrawal, remain immediately eligible.
    b. If ineligible at the time of withdrawal, must establish eligibility to participate in that sanctioned sport by complying with the provisions of NIAA regulations for regaining eligibility.

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. Parents may contact the athletic department at the school of the participant to obtain a copy of the district's guidelines 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, 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 guideline.

8. Home-school students must annually file the Notice of Intent to Participate in Programs and Activities - NEVADA form and submit to the school principal or athletic director NRS 288D.070, 382.072, 392.074).

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The Mineral County School District Guidelines document is developed in concert with the **NIAA** regulations (NAC 385B), pertinent NRS, and the Mineral County School District policies and procedures governing all students' participation in school sponsored sports events and activities.

Reference(s): NRS 385.080, NAC 385B.026, NAC 385B.012, NAC 385B.036, NRS 385.007, NRS 388D.020, NRS 388D.050, NRS 385B.060, NRS 388D.070, NRS 385B.734, NAC 385B.756, NAC 385B.760, NRS 392.070, NRS 392.072, NRS 392.074, NRS 388A.471, NRS 388A.474, NRS 392.074, NRS 385B.065, NAC 390.440, NRS 388A.490, NRS 392.435, NAC 385B.758, NAC 389.040