

Homeschool students' participation in Mt. Zion CUSD extracurricular activities

Homeschool students who reside in the district may request to try out for school-sponsored extracurricular activities. Approval may be granted, and the following guidelines apply:

1. **Enrollment:** Students must enroll for at least one period per semester. Schedules will be created in consultation with administration and counselors, adhering to curriculum guidelines. Enrollment is subject to space availability, as these students are placed in classes after full-time students.
2. **Annual Submission Deadline:** By **May 1st** each year, parents must sign and submit this document to the district and present an approved homeschool curriculum to the superintendent for review. The deadline for 2025 will be **July 28th**.
3. **Academic Eligibility:** Students must be enrolled in and passing a minimum of 6 total courses (at least 1 through the school district) for weekly eligibility and pass a minimum of 5 courses per semester. Homeschool parents must submit grades by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. weekly for eligibility and will follow the eligibility requirements of the respective Mt. Zion school, the same as other students. The student will be notified and considered ineligible if grades are not provided to the principal.
4. **Assignments:** Building administration may request student assignments, the same for other students/classes.
5. **Credit-Earning Courses:** Students must be enrolled in credit-earning courses for the school year they participate in extracurricular activities; study halls are not permitted. Parents must identify the courses taken from the ISBE state course catalog, available on [ISBE.net](https://www.isbe.net), and submit them to the school superintendent with this signed document.
6. **Prerequisites:** Families must provide a transcript of evidence of completion for any required prerequisite courses for consistent expectations with other students.
7. **Policy Adherence:** Students must comply with all Mt. Zion CUSD #3 policies, including but not limited to attendance, eligibility, drug testing, and guidelines outlined in the co-curricular guide, student handbook, and course planning handbook, as well as having an athletic physical, the same as other students. Homeschool students are required to come in during drug testing times/days if their name is drawn. If they don't get tested at school on that day, they are out of activities until they go to a district-approved drug testing facility and provide results to the school.
8. **Try-Out Procedures:** Students requesting the opportunity to try out are required to follow the try-out procedures for any team that determines a participating roster based on ability, the same as other students. Students are not eligible to participate in graduation, NHS, the 8th-grade trip, attend dances (unless they are a high school guest), or participate in other school activities, including but not limited to assemblies.
9. **Fees:** The family must pay an amount proportional to the amount of time spent at the district school of the current Mt. Zion CUSD#3 registration fee, as well as any required course fees (lab fees, course fees, etc.). In addition, payment of the athletic fee for the activity is due if the student makes the team roster, the same as other students.
10. **Violation Consequences:** Any violation of this document may result in home school enrollment/participation being denied in future semesters and/or school years.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

District Administration signature _____

Date _____

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