

Calallen ISD

Homeschool UIL Participation Guidelines



Senate Bill 401 passed by the 89th Legislative Session provides school districts the option to allow homeschool students residing within district boundaries to participate in UIL activities as a member of the district's teams/activities, events. Calallen ISD will allow homeschool participation for students for the 2026-2027 school year, provided students meet all eligibility criteria and abide by the following guidelines:

Eligibility

- Homeschooled students who reside within the boundaries of Calallen ISD are eligible to participate. Calallen ISD requires that homeschool students provide proof of residency in the same way that enrolled students provide documentation.
- All homeschool students must demonstrate grade-level academic proficiency on a nationally recognized, norm-referenced assessment instrument, such as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Stanford Academic Achievement Test, California Achievement Test, or NWEA Map Test. Calallen ISD will accept these assessment results if they are administered and reported by a third party. Results must be current, meaning within the previous school year, and should be submitted prior to being approved for participation.
- To maintain academic eligibility, the homeschooled family must provide written verification to Calallen ISD stating that the student is receiving a passing grade in each course or subject. Submission will be in accordance with Calallen ISD grading guidelines calendar, UIL eligibility calendar or every nine (9) weeks.
 - Students who do not have current documentation for grades will lose all privileges.
 - Upon request, families must provide homeschool curriculum/program to be evaluated for grade level proficiency.
- Homeschool students will be required to follow the same rules and procedures as any other student and will be required to complete a Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) and will be subject to eligibility rules, including the 15-day rule, if applicable. If the student moved into the attendance zone within the previous 12 months, a full hearing of the DEC will be required for varsity participation.

Participation Requirements

- A homeschool student **must declare prior to August 1st of the current school year**, their intention to participate in a sport/event/activity. The student must be approved by Calallen ISD staff prior to participation.
- All students must complete an annual physical and submit the required [Rank One Forms](#) prior to being eligible to participate.
- A homeschool student must participate in all required activities of the sport/activity/event they are a part of, unless otherwise approved by the coach or UIL sponsor. This includes participation in all

in-season and off-season related activities, including but not limited to practices, competitions, workouts, or meeting.

- A homeschool student is not permitted to participate in more than two periods per day - one athletic and/or one fine arts period. Attendance will be required, and attendance travel restrictions will apply.
- Homeschool students must ride district-provided transportation to games/activities/events.
- Travel to and from practices/workouts/meetings must be provided by the homeschool student/family.

Restrictions

- Extra-curricular events are considered an extension of the school. The Calallen ISD Code of Conduct, campus handbooks, and program handbooks outline expectation for behavior. Participating homeschooled students are expected to meet the same expectations as enrolled students.
- A non-enrolled student who seeks to participate on behalf of Calallen ISD is subject to the following relevant policies that apply to students enrolled in the school:
 - Registration for activities
 - Age eligibility
 - Fees
 - Insurance
 - Transportation
 - Physical condition
 - Qualifications
 - Responsibilities
 - Event schedules
 - Standards of behavior
 - Performance

Drug Testing

- Calallen ISD requires the random drug-testing of any student in grades 9-12 who chooses to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities. The district's policy FNF(LOCAL) addresses board authorization for drug testing of students as described in the policy. Homeschool students will be placed in the CISD random drug testing pool, and submit the required acknowledgement form enrolled students complete. Homeschool students must be able to report to campus if randomly selected for testing.

Applicable Fees and Costs

- Each academic, music, or sport season will require a deposit of \$50.00. At the completion of the season, once all uniforms/equipment, and all school owned materials are returned, the deposit will be returned.
- For programs that have participation fees (example: band) homeschool students will be responsible for the same fees as enrolled students.

Eligible Activities

- UIL Athletics

- Theater Arts
- Band
- Choir
- UIL Academics/Speech and Debate

Additional Clarification:

- A homeschool student is not permitted to participate in a sport/event/activity during the remainder of any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in a public school.
- Homeschool students may not participate in both UIL and homeschool leagues.
- Non-enrolled students are subject to the immunization requirements in the same manner as a public school student.