

CARROLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Policy Document

Title: Participation of Homeschooled Students in UIL Activities

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UIL Reference: <https://www.uiltexas.org>

I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements, participation guidelines, and administrative procedures for homeschool students residing within Carroll Independent School District (CISD) who wish to participate in UIL-sanctioned activities under the provisions of Senate Bill 401.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Residency

Students must reside within Carroll ISD boundaries (or board approved open enrollment areas) and provide current, verifiable proof of residency.

B. Academic Standards

Homeschooled students must demonstrate academic proficiency through a nationally norm-referenced assessment, including but not limited to:

- Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- CogAT Ability Test
- Naglieri Ability Test

Assessments must be administered and reported by a qualified third party (not related to the student), with results dated within the previous academic year. All documentation must be submitted by the end of the first nine-week grading period of the academic year in which participation is requested. Additionally, students must submit grade reports in alignment with the CISD UIL Eligibility Calendar. Grade reports must confirm passing performance in all core subjects. Failure to submit reports will result in temporary ineligibility until the next grade check.

C. UIL Standards

Students must comply with all UIL eligibility requirements, including: Age, attendance, transfer rules, and sportsmanship expectations. Students who violate UIL eligibility standards will be removed from the activity.

III. REGISTRATION & CONTACT

Families must register their homeschool student for UIL participation at the student's zoned Carroll ISD campus based on the family's residence. Students must satisfy all selection and tryout requirements, placement on the team or activity is not guaranteed.

Students must submit written intent to participate in UIL activities no later than 3:00PM CST on the last day of the academic school year prior to the year in which they wish to participate. Late submissions will not be accepted. For the 2025-26 school year applications will be accepted until August 18, 2025 at 5PM. *(Please note: some activities have already begun and may not be accepting applications. Contact the CISD coach or sponsor for more information)*

To Begin the Registration Process Contact:

Student Services
(817) 949-8255
student.services@southlakecarroll.edu

IV. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following items are required for participation consideration:

- Certified birth certificate
- Current class schedule
- Curriculum name and digital samples (if available)
- Documentation of earned academic credits
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility bill, lease agreement)
- Vaccination records
- Completed UIL physical examination form
- Completed Rank One paperwork
- Student information:
 - Full legal name
 - Date of birth
 - Zoned CISD campus
 - Current grade level
 - Home address
- Parents (or guardians) and the student **must** complete an in-person interview with the coach or sponsor prior to being placed in the UIL activity to ensure they understand and will comply with all requirements set forth by program and Carroll ISD.

- All required documentation and inquiries should be directed to the campus UIL coordinator or to the Carroll ISD Athletics Department. **A one-time \$100.00 non-refundable application fee is required for each student applying to the CISD Homeschool Program.**

V. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- A homeschooled student must reside within Carroll ISD or open enrollment zones and may only participate at the zoned CISD campus. No exceptions to this assignment will be granted.
- Students who apply for participation under the *Grandparent Clause* are not eligible to participate in UIL activities under this policy.
- Students who apply for participation under this policy who have parents or guardians who work for Carroll ISD are not eligible to participate in UIL activities under this policy.
- Homeschooled students are required to fully participate in all UIL-related practices, meetings, games, performances, and events as if they were full-time enrolled CISD students.
- Students must adhere to all rules, schedules, and expectations set forth by coaches, sponsors, or activity leaders.
- No special accommodation, exceptions, or modifications to expectations, attendance, dress code, or discipline policies will be made.
- Participants are responsible for: athletic participation fees, uniforms and equipment not provided by CISD, other costs related to the program not covered by the District.
- Students are permitted to enroll in only one athletic or extracurricular period per school day, consistent with UIL rules for all participants.
- CISD is not obligated to create new teams, alter team structures, or adjust schedules for homeschool participants.
- Students may only represent one school district in a UIL competition each year.

VI. RESTRICTIONS

- A homeschooled student is not eligible to participate in UIL activities during any academic year in which they were previously enrolled in a public school, including Carroll ISD or another Texas district.

- Participation is contingent upon successful completion of eligibility verification, and placement on teams or in activities is not guaranteed. Students must satisfy all selection or tryout requirements.
- Homeschool students who fail to meet the expectations or guidelines of the activities can be removed at the discretion of the coach or sponsor.
- CISD reserves the right to revoke participation if a student violates UIL or CISD policies.
- CISD will review this policy annually and reserves the right to opt out of allowing homeschool students UIL participation by providing written notice in accordance with state law.

VII. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information regarding UIL eligibility, rules, and competition guidelines, please visit: University Interscholastic League (UIL): <https://www.uil texas.org>

VIII. POLICY REVIEW

This policy is subject to annual review and revision in accordance with changes in state law, UIL regulations, and district procedures.