

Participation in Classes, Extracurricular Activities/Events/Sports, and Interscholastic Activities/Events/Sports

1. Classes

- a. A request to attend public school classes within the district that the child resides must be authorized if there is space available and if the child is qualified to participate. SB404 Sec 7 (3)
- b. A Notice of Intent of a Homeschooled Child to Participate in Programs and Activities must be filed for each year of participation. SB404 Sec 2 (5c), Sec 5.5 (3)
- c. The child may participate at any public school within the school district. NRS 392.070 (3)
- d. The child may not participate in a Nevada program of distance education governed by NRS 388.820 to 388.874. SB404 Sec 3 (3)
- e. The child may participate in a distance education program from a private institution or any out-of-state institution.
- f. A “class” is a course which is offered in the school as part of the core or elective curriculum.
- g. Every effort should be made by the school or school district to determine if space is available within the first few days of the semester.
- h. The school is not required to provide transportation for the child to attend the class. NRS 392.070 (3)
- i. The parent may be required to show a birth certificate or other documentation sufficient to establish the identity of the child. SB404 Sec 7 (8b)
- j. Approval for the pupil to participate may be revoked if the Board of Trustees or the public school determines that the pupil has failed to comply with the applicable laws, rules or regulations. NRS 392.070 (4)
- k. The child is not restricted to a single class or activity per semester. The Nevada Department of Education will reimburse the district or a charter school for up to a half day’s worth of class credits. SB404 Sec 7 (3), NRS 392.070 (3), NRS 387.123, NRS 387.1233 (8)
- l. The child is not enrolled in the school, but fully participates in the class, including all exams and the final exam, and a grade for the class. Should the child enroll in the school in the future, the credits earned are part of the child’s academic record.

- m. All credits earned by the child in a public high school, and the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of those grades, must meet the minimum GPA requirement based on the homeschooled student's year of graduation from high school for application to the State of Nevada Millennium Scholarship program.
- n. The school should count these students for apportionment purposes. The calculation of basic support for the district should include these students in accordance with the law. NRS 387.123, NRS 387.1233 (8)
- o. A charter school shall authorize a homeschooled child to participate in a class that is not otherwise available to the child if space is available and if the child is qualified to participate. The law does not prevent a child from participating in a class that might be otherwise available to the child. The parent may be required to show a birth certificate or other documentation sufficient to establish the identity of the child. The parent must file with the district for the current year a notice of intent of a homeschooled child to participate in programs and activities. The charter school should count these students for apportionment purposes. The calculation of basic support for the district should include these students in accordance with the law. The child is not restricted to charter schools within his district. He may not participate in distance education classes through the charter school. NRS 386.580 (5), SC404 Sec 2 (5C)&(7), NRS 387.123, NRS387.1233 (8), AB334 Sec 5

Extracurricular Activities K-12 grades (See #3 and #4 for interscholastic activities and events, including sports)

1. A request to participate in an extracurricular activity, excluding sports, within the district that the child resides must be authorized if there is space available and if the child is qualified to participate. NRS 392.070 (3)
2. A Notice of Intent of a Homeschooled Child to Participate in Programs and Activities must be filed for each year of participation SB404 Sec 2 (5c), Sec 5.5 (3)
3. The parent may be required to show a birth certificate or other documentation sufficient to establish the identity of the child. SB404 Sec 7 (8b)
4. The homeschool child is not restricted to his zoned school to participate in an extracurricular activity (excluding sports).
5. An extracurricular activity is an activity that is not curricular or curricular-associated. Examples would be school dances, FFA, Chess Club, Spelling Bee, Science Club, etc. Curricular-associated activities examples would be class picnics and graduation ceremonies, and would require permission on an individual basis from the principal or district.
6. The school is not required to provide transportation for the child to attend the activity.
7. Approval for the pupil to participate may be revoked if the Board of Trustees or if the public school determines that the pupil has failed to comply with the applicable laws, rules or regulations.
8. The child is not restricted to a single class or activity per semester. SB404 Sec 7 (3), NRS 392.070 (3)

Interscholastic Activities and Events K-8 grades, and any Interscholastic Activities and Events for 9-12 grades that are NOT governed by the NIAA (the NIAA governs high school sports)

1. A homeschooled child must be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities and events, including sports. NRS 392.070 (5)
2. A Notice of Intent of a Homeschooled Child to Participate in Programs and Activities must be filed for each year of participation SB404 Sec 2 (5c), Sec 7 (5)
3. The parent shall be required to show a birth certificate or other documentation sufficient to establish the identity of the child. SB404 Sec 7 (8c)
4. The homeschooled child is restricted to his zoned school to participate in interscholastic activities and events, just the same as a public school child. The only exception is an existing transfer rule that applies to the homeschooled child in the same manner as it does for a public school child. NRS 392.070 (5)
5. The homeschooled child may also participate as part of a private school that has interscholastic activities and events, if the private school allows such participation. The requirements for participation by the homeschooled child at the private school are set by the private school, including but not limited to fees, academic accountability, and citizenship. The private school, in turn, must abide by any league or association rules, but neither the district nor a public school may prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the eligibility or participation of the homeschooled child that are more restrictive than the provisions governing the eligibility and participation of pupils enrolled in public schools. NRS 392.070 (5)&(6)
6. There is no “space available” clause in the law, so for activities and sports that have tryouts where children are “cut”, the homeschooled child must be allowed to try-out just the same as any other child. NRS 392.070 (5)
7. The rules and regulations that apply to pupils enrolled in public schools participating in interscholastic activities and events apply in the same manner to homeschooled children. NRS 392.070 (5)
8. Neither the school district nor a public school may prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the eligibility or participation of the homeschooled child that are more restrictive than the provisions governing the eligibility and participation of pupils enrolled in public schools. NRS 392.070 (6b)
9. The parent is the legal teacher of the homeschooled child. Any academic progress or citizenship reports that are required for public school children will be provided solely by the parent-teacher, with no further certification or oversight allowed in accordance with NRS 392.070 (5). The district or school is not authorized to impose or monitor any of the various methods used to educate the child, such as correspondence courses or licensed teacher or the parent teaching using unaccredited texts. Periodic signed statements by the parent-teacher are sufficient for purposes of academic and/or citizenship eligibility. NRS 392.070 (5)&(6)

10. Inquiries by homeschool parents or students about participating in an interscholastic activity or event, including sports, are to be addressed in the same manner as inquiries by public school students or their parents. This may entail referring the person to the program director, or athletic director or coach, to obtain practice schedules, try-out dates and times, and any other pertinent information. NRS 392.070 (6b)

Interscholastic Activities and Events 9-12 grades that are governed by the NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association) (NRS 386.420-470, NAC 386.793, NAC 386.802-807) NIAA regulations <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/CHAPTERS.HTML>)

1. A homeschooled child must be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities and events, including sports, which are governed by the NIAA. NRS392.070 (3), NRS 386.462 (1)
2. A Notice of Intent of a Homeschooled Child to Participate in Programs and Activities must be filed for each year of participation Sec (1), Sec 1.5 (1), Sec 2 (5c)
3. The parent shall be required to show a birth certificate or other documentation sufficient to establish the identity of the child. SB404 Sec 7 (8c)
4. The homeschooled child is bound by the same NIAA regulations that a public school child is regarding which public school team he/she plays for. If a child is in a public school and on a team, and the parent elects to homeschool the child, the child may stay on the team without serving mandatory transfer ineligibility periods, if the child is in good academic standing when he/she withdrew from the public school. If the child was not in good academic standing upon withdrawal, NIAA regulations specify the academic ineligibility periods. NRS 386.462 (2)
5. The homeschooled child may also participate in athletics at a private school with the acceptance of the private school. The private school may also assess a consistent fee for this participation and that fee must be reported to the NIAA. NIAA regulations apply regarding any transfer rules if the child previously participated for another NIAA team. NAC 386.793 (5)
6. There is no “space available” clause in the law, so for activities and sports that have try-outs where children are “cut”, the homeschooled child must be allowed to try-out just the same as any other child. NRS 386.462
7. The rules and regulations that apply to pupils enrolled in public schools participating in NIAA activities and events apply in the same manner to homeschooled children. NRS386.462 (2)
8. A school district, public school or private school may not prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the eligibility or participation of the homeschooled child that are more restrictive than the provisions governing the eligibility and participation prescribed by the NIAA pursuant to NRS 386.430. NRS 386.464
9. A parent of a homeschooled child who has a notice of intent to homeschool filed with the district shall be deemed to be the teacher of the homeschooled child for all matters relating to participation by the homeschooled child in a sanctioned sport. The district or school is not authorized to impose or monitor any of the various methods used to educate the child, such as correspondence courses or licensed teacher or the parent teaching using unaccredited texts. Periodic signed statements by the parent-teacher are sufficient for

purposes of academic and/or citizenship eligibility. NAC 386.793 (1), NAC 386.810, NRS 386.462, NRS 386.464

10. If a homeschooled child or the parents notify the school that he/she wishes to participate in a NIAA sanctioned sport, the school shall provide to the parent a statement setting forth the requirements for academic eligibility, all schedules and requirements of the school relating to eligibility for participation, and the name and telephone number of the contact person in the athletic department who monitors academic eligibility. NAC 386.793 (2), NRS 386.462, NRS 386.464