ZION PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student Handbook

2024-2025



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Dear Parents,

It is the primary purpose and intention of the Board of Education, Administration, and the staff of Zion School to provide an education to help each child reach his/her fullest potential. The purpose for the existence of any school is for the education of our children.

We would like to encourage your participation and cooperation in helping us to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning where discipline is stressed. It is the purpose of this booklet to help both parents and students have a better understanding of some policies and procedures.

Individual parent-teacher conferences can be of great value to your child, especially as you provide us with additional information so we can better plan for them.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this booklet or any subject that is not covered, please call or come by to see me. You are always welcome to visit the school at any time.

Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Clayton Yeager
Superintendent

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Aug. 5-7	Professional Dev.
Aug. 6	Open House
Aug. 8	Students Report
Aug. 30	Professional Dev.
Sept. 2	No School/Labor Day
Sept. 18	Progress Reports

Oct. 14	Indigenous Day
Oct. 15	PT Conference
Oct. 17-21	No School/Fall Break
Nov. 25-29	No School/Thanksgiving
Dec. 20	End of First Semester
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	No School/Chrismas

Jan. 6	Classes Resume
Jan. 20	Professional Dev.
Feb. 13-14	No School
Feb. 19	Progress Reports
March 13	PT Conference
March 14-21	No School/Spring Break

April 2	Progress Reports
April 18	No School/Good Friday
May 9	End of Second Semester

Days Taught = 166
PD Days = 5 PT Conf. = 2
173 Days = 1176.33 hrs.

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FERPA POLICY

In compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Zion School District wishes to notify parents and eligible students (over 18) of their rights. Parents and eligible students have the following rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Zion School District policy.

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records.
- The right to exercise a limited control over other people having access to the student's education records.
- The right to seek to correct the student's education records.
- The right to report violence of the FERPA to the Department of Education: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington D.C., telephone 202-732-2058.
- The right to be informed about the FERPA rights.

All rights and protections given to parents under the FERPA and this policy transfer to the students when he or she reaches age 18 or enrolled in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student." The district will arrange to provide translation of this notice to non-English speaking parents in their native language. Copies of this policy are located in the Superintendent's office of Zion School.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- To attend school on a regular basis.
- To abide by school rules and regulations.
- To complete assignments in a timely manner to the best of his/her ability.
- To show proper respect of authority to all faculty and staff members.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- To ensure that their child attends school on a regular basis.
- To acknowledge and promote the importance of education to their child.
- To provide a home environment that is conducive to academic achievement.

SCHOOL HOURS

Classes begin promptly at 8:05 a.m. each morning and end at 3:05 p.m. each afternoon on Monday-Friday. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. in order to eat breakfast and be ready for class by 8:00 a.m.

EXTENDED CARE SERVICES

Zion School offers extended-day services for 3 yr. olds through first grade each morning and after school in the preschool building. Second grade through eighth grade students will report to the middle school for morning extended-day services. These morning extended-day services are from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and after-school services are from 3:05-5:30 p.m. Students who attend extended-day services must have a current, **COMPLETED** extended-day form signed by the parent/guardian.

STUDENTS LEAVING BEFORE DISMISSAL BELL

All students leaving school for any reason before school is out must be signed-out through the office. **Please make every effort not to routinely sign students out during the last 15 minutes of the school day.** These last few minutes of class time are an important part of the day for students.

ZION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular school attendance is necessary for students to receive the full benefit of the educational program at Zion School. It should also be noted that the primary source of funding for schools in this area is based on the average daily attendance. Not only is school attendance important to the academic progress of the individual student but it also enhances the educational opportunities of all our students. Zion School is an active partner in the Adair County Truancy Program. In collaboration with the local District Attorney, Cherokee Nation and other county schools, Zion School is implementing a new plan to improve school attendance and to increase parental knowledge of the importance of school attendance.

The following are unexplained or unexcused absences:

After 3 absences:	Parents/guardians will be contacted. Truancy Officer may begin visits.
After 5 absences:	Home visit by the Truancy Officer.
After 7 absences:	2nd visit to the home. Court advocate becomes involved. Ticket could be issued.
After 10 absences:	3rd visit to the home. Court advocate works with the DA's office. Court procedures continue.

The only excused absences are for illness of the student or a death in the family. School sponsored activities/trips are not considered an absence but all work missed must be made up.

THE ZION BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

ADMISSIONS AND PLACEMENT

1. Students entering kindergarten must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st.
2. Students entering Zion School from an elementary school not accredited by the State Board of Education shall be required to take a standardized achievement test. Results of the test may be used to determine grade placement. All examinations shall be administered by the receiving school and the results shall be kept on file for one year.

SCREENINGS

All kindergarten students will be screened for readiness skills prior to entry to 1st grade. Parents are invited to meet with the staff to discuss their child's progress and screening results. Preschool students will be screened for vision and hearing. Eighth grade students will be screened for vision and hearing. Vision and hearing screenings are available to all students upon request of referral.

IMMUNIZATION

Title 70, Sec. 1210, Oklahoma Statutes, 1970: "Rules and Regulations for Immunization for school children: as amended June, 1976, requires all children to be immunized from Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Rubella, before entering the public schools of this state.

No child shall be admitted to a public or private school of this state who has not been immunized as evidence by department, acknowledging same.

The following exemptions to the above law:

1. Medical Contraindications: A signed statement, using ODH Form 216-A, from a licensed physician stating immunizations would endanger the life or health of the child.
2. Religious Objection: A signed statement, using ODH Form 216-A, from the head of a religious organization stating immunizations are contrary to the preaching of that religion.
3. Parental Objection: A signed statement, using ODH Form 216-A, from a parent or guardian objection to the required immunizations.

Children entering kindergarten in the fall must have 5 doses of DTP Vaccine, 4 doses of oral polio vaccine and 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, and a series of hepatitis A & B vaccines to meet state requirements. Students entering kindergarten must also have varicella (chickenpox) vaccine given on or after the first birthday, or a parent's statement of a history of the disease will be accepted. These immunizations must be complete before beginning school.

Beginning in the fall of 1997, all students entering the seventh grade must have received a series of hepatitis A & B vaccines. Since completion of this series takes approximately 6 months these

shots should be started during the child's 6th grade year. Adair County Health Department will administer all these immunizations free of charge. Please check your child's immunization record and make sure these requirements are met prior to beginning school in the fall. If you have any questions concerning these laws call the school office, at 696-7866 or the Adair County Health Department at 696-7292.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Birth certificates shall be required of all students entering **preschool, kindergarten** or **first grade**. This certificate must be presented before the child can attend school. A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to be eligible for kindergarten and 6 years old on or before September 1st to be eligible for 1st grade.

SCHOOL NURSE

The Zion School District requires that all students who need medication during school hours must do the following.

- Present a written consent signed by the parent or legal guardian.
- Bring the medication in the original prescription bottle, properly labeled by a registered pharmacist by law.
- All medications, by prescriptions or over-the-counter, are to be checked-in and administered by the school nurse or other authorized personnel.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The school Cafeteria serves a balanced lunch and we encourage all students to participate in our lunch program. Free and reduced-price meals are provided at the beginning of school and you are encouraged to make applications for these benefits. As state regulations allow us to let all students eat free, we encourage our students to eat school lunches. **Soft drinks and candy are not allowed in the cafeteria, only 100% juice drinks.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A balanced breakfast is served each morning between 7:30 and 8:05 a.m. The price structure, free and reduced guidelines, and the billing procedure is the same as the lunch program.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Zion School does **NOT** provide health or accident insurance coverage for students who regularly attend school or participate in extracurricular activities. Insurance is strictly the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not the Zion School system.

REPORT CARDS

Students will receive a report card at the end of each semester. This report is intended to inform parents of their child's progress or any difficulties he/she may be experiencing. Please study the report carefully in order to fully understand the message it conveys. Remember that a student's report card is very individual to that particular student. No two children are alike. Encourage your child to work to the best of his/her ability. Your encouragement and interest are vitally important to his/her success. Written reports cannot take the place of a visit with your child's teacher so we encourage you to attend parent-teacher conferences. Please feel free to call the school if you have any concerns you would like to discuss with a teacher and are unable to come to school. The teacher will return your call as quickly as possible.

HOMEWORK AND GRADING POLICIES

* All homework assignments are to be completed satisfactorily and in a timely manner as assigned by each individual teacher.
* Progress reports will be mailed to the parents of students who are at risk of failing a subject (has a grade "D" or "F") for a particular semester grading period.
* Student grades will be issued at the end of each semester grading period. To the extent possible, grades will be based on objective criteria such as test scores, daily class work, and homework.
* Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) will be given to students in grades 1-8. A=100-94, A- = 93-90, B=84-86, B+ =89-87, B- =83-80, C+ =79-77, C=76-74, C- =73-70, D+ =69-67, D=66-64, D- =63-60

PROMOTION/GRADUATION POLICY

Students must successfully complete each grade to be promoted to the next level, including all academic and attendance requirements. If a student satisfies each grade level requirement, they will be issued an 8th grade diploma.

STUDENT RETENTION REGULATIONS

In accordance with the policy of the Board of Education, the following criteria for the selection of students to be retained in their current grade will be used in this school district provided to the parent/guardian. Notification is three weeks prior to the last day of instruction of the school year. The following information will be taken into consideration:

* Grades from the subject in which the student is failing.
* Copies of student class work.
* Achievement Test Scores.
* Additional information that would be relevant to the retention.

If a student is retained by the teacher, at the present grade level, and if the parent/guardian is dissatisfied, the parent/guardian must comply with the district's appeal process.

The district's appeal process includes the following steps:

- Parent/guardian must file a written request for appeal in the Superintendent's office within 10 days of notification of the proposed retention.
- The appeal will be heard within five (5) school days by an appeals committee consisting of the superintendent, principal, director of student services/psychometrist and (1) teacher of the student's next grade level.
- The parent/guardian and the teacher recommending retention will each be present justification why the student should or should not be retained.
- After reviewing all pertinent information, the committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Education.
- The Board of Education will base their decision on the recommendation of the appeals committee. The decision of the board will be **FINAL.**
- The parent/guardian is the authorized to prepare a written statement to be placed in the student's permanent record stating the reason for disagreeing with the Board's decision.

REFERENCE: HB 1056 signed into law on April 21, 1995.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Any student who participates in any extracurricular activity must meet eligibility requirements. Teachers will submit eligibility list to the Superintendent's office each Thursday afternoon. A student failing in more than one subject will not be eligible to participate during the following week's activities.

VALEDICTORIAN - SALUTATORIAN POLICY

To be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian at Zion School a student must have attended Zion School for two complete years during sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Grades from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade solid subject areas will be used to determine grade point averages. Semester grades are used to tabulate results with the third nine weeks grade of the eighth-grade year used as the second semester grade. An eleven (11) point grade system is used with an A as 11 points, A- as 10 points, B+ as 9 points, etc.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency drills will be practiced throughout the school year following the procedural guidelines outlined in the emergency procedure handbook.

STUDENTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Running is not permitted in the buildings, on walkways, or to and from the buses.
- All students must be signed out through the office before leaving the school grounds for any reason.

- Students are not allowed in front of the building except when arriving at or leaving school or with special permission of a staff member.
- Students are not to climb fences or onto roofs to retrieve lost items. Report the lost item to staff members on duty.
- Students must report to and remain in designated areas during recess and before school.
- Do not play or waste time in the restrooms.
- When students are visiting or spending the night with another student after school, both students **MUST** have a note approving the arrangement signed by his/her parent.
- All students must observe bus rules.
- Students who miss their bus should report to their teacher or to the office immediately.
- Abusive or vile language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during school hours, unless otherwise directed by individual teachers in their classrooms.
- Students are not permitted to ride home from activities with anyone except their own parent/guardian without written consent from the parent/guardian.
- Students are not to leave any activity, even to ride home with a parent, before checking out with the coach or sponsor.
- Students are not allowed to bring tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vape products, lighters or fireworks to school.
- PDA is not permitted at school or at school related events.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

It is the policy of the Zion School district to strive to provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. In order to promote the proper environment, disruptive, rude, disrespectful, or destructive behavior will not be permitted. Students shall be under the supervision of and accountable to all Zion School personnel during the school day, at extracurricular events/activities including those directed toward general audiences, school sponsored trips, and traveling to and from school or activities.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There are several forms of action which may be taken by Zion administrators or teachers when student discipline is required. Every effort will be made to ensure that the punishment is effective and appropriate. Discipline will be administered on a case-by-case basis in order to take into consideration individual personalities and circumstances. The following methods available: time-out, counseling, parent involvement, removal from class or group, visit with administrators, financial restitution, corporal punishment, in school suspension, involvement of law enforcement, referral to social agencies, probationary period, suspension, expulsion, any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

REFUSAL OF PUNISHMENT

If a student for whatever reason, refuses to submit to the disciplinary action deemed reasonable by the administration, the parent/guardian will be called. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the remainder of the day and will be unable to attend school until the parent/guardian accompanies the student to school for a conference with the superintendent.

STUDENT SEARCH

A student will be subject to search if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the students may have in his/her possession, controlled drugs, counterfeit drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages, a dangerous weapon, stolen property or any other possession determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others. Student searches will be conducted by a certified person of the same sex.

LIBRARY RULES

Library books may be checked out by students. Lost or damaged books must be paid for by the students who have them checked out. Students may not have more than one book checked out at one time unless the student's teacher has made arrangements with the librarian for purposes of special assignments.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs and organizations sponsored by Zion School include the following: Zion Jets Athletic Teams, Zion 4-H Clubs, Zion Jets Cheerleaders, Zion singers, Zion Top Gun Academic Teams, and Zion Student Council.

PUPILS WITH GUN/DANGEROUS WEAPONS/SUBSTANCES

The Superintendent/Principal shall have the authority to search, detain and/or authorize the search of any pupil(s) on any school premises or while under the authority of the school, or any functions sponsored or authorized by the school, for guns, dangerous weapons, controlled dangerous substances (as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Code), intoxicating beverages, non-intoxicating beverages, electronic paging devices or for missing or stolen property if said property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a pupil, school employee or the school during activities. The search shall be conducted by a person of the same sex as the pupil being searched and also witnessed by another person of the same sex. The Superintendent/Principal shall have the authority to detain the pupil(s) to be searched and to preserve any dangerous weapons or substances that might be in their possession, including the

authority to authorize any other persons they deem necessary to restrain pupil(s) or to preserve any guns, dangerous weapons or substances. The Superintendent/Principal authorizing such search shall notify the local law enforcement agency which shall be responsible for obtaining any warrant or other authorization necessary to conduct further searches. Any teacher, counselor, or administrator having reasonable cause to suspect that a student is under the influence of or in possession of non-intoxicating (low-point beer) beverages or alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances shall, upon recognition, report the matter immediately to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The following guidelines are to be used in reporting to the Superintendent/designee:

- If the student suspected does not appear to pose a threat to students/personnel, the reporting person should accompany the students to the Superintendent's office.
- If the reporting person feels that the student suspected might be threat to other students or personnel, the Superintendent/designee should be sent for by student messenger.

The Superintendent/designee shall immediately notify a parent or legal guardian of the student about the matter. Any student found to be in possession of non-intoxicating (low-point beer) beverages, alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances may be suspended by the Superintendent for a period not to exceed the current school semester and/or the succeeding semester. The suspension may be appealed to the Zion Board of Education. Any teacher, counselor, administrator, other school employee or member of the school board shall not be subject to any civil liability for any statement, report, or action taken in assisting or referring for assistance any student reasonably believed to be abusing or incapacitated by the use of non-intoxicating (low-point beer), alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances unless such assistance or referral was made in bad faith or with malicious purpose. No officer or employee of the district, member of the school board or school district shall be responsible for treatment costs incurred by a student as a result of any such assistance or referral to any medical treatment, social service agency or facility, or substance abuse prevention and treatment program. Any pupil found to have brought a gun/firearm on the school premises, bus or to a school authorized event will be suspended from school for a period not less than one year. Case-by-case modifications by the Superintendent is allowed. Any pupil found to be in possession of other dangerous weapons, controlled dangerous substances, or stolen articles may be suspended by the Superintendent/Principal for a period not to exceed the current school semester and/or the succeeding semester. The suspension may be appealed to the Zion Board of Education by any pupil suspended under the provision of the policy.

REFERENCE: Oklahoma Statutes 70:05.24-132 70:05.24-138
United States Code Title 18 Sec 921

DRUG POLICY

In order to provide for a drug-free environment for the students, the Zion Board of Education adopts the following policies pertaining to compliance of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226):

- If any student is suspected of possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and/or alcohol, the student's parents will be notified. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take any immediate action necessary to protect the school property, students, employees, and visitors. The student and his/her personal belongings will be searched by a certified school employee of the same sex with one certified witness in attendance. If the student is found to be in possession and/or under the influence of illicit drugs and/or alcohol proper authorities will be notified for referral for prosecution. At the time the student will be suspended/expelled by the principal for a period of time commensurate with the nature of the violation for a period not to exceed the current school semester and succeeding semester. Any suspension/expulsion made by the superintendent/principal may be appealed to the Board of Education of the Zion School District by any student under suspended/expelled under this section.
- Information about drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs will be available upon request in the Superintendent's office.
- Parents and students will be given a copy of the standard of conduct and disciplinary sanctions. Parents and students will be notified that compliance with the Board of Education approved standards of conduct is mandatory. Parents will be asked to sign a statement that they have read the policies pertaining to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

STUDENT DRESS

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the classroom. Dress and accessories must be modest and reasonable. They should not cause any distraction. Suitable footwear must be worn at all times. Halter tops, midriffs, strapless tops and mesh shirts are not allowed. The length of skirts, skorts, and shorts must extend below the student's fingertips when the student's arms are extended at his/her side. Students are not to wear sunglasses, hats, caps, etc. in the building. Clothing which displays disruptive, vulgar, suggestive, or gang related slogans, pictures, or advertisements (including alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco products) is not allowed. Bandannas are not to be worn. Slacks, jeans, shorts, or trousers of any kind are to be worn at the waist, with a belt if necessary, to prevent "sagging". Students participating in school related activities are expected to comply with all dress regulations. In addition, they must meet any codes set by the coaches, sponsors, and staff. As representatives of Zion, student participants should be well groomed and appropriately dressed.

VISITORS

All visitors **must** check in at the office. A parent-teacher conference can be arranged by calling the school.

VISITING CHILDREN

Zion School cannot permit students to bring little brother/sisters, or other guests to visit during school hours. We ask your cooperation in order to prevent disruption of regular classroom schedules.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Zion School students are prohibited from using a cell phone during school hours, unless otherwise pre-approved by classroom teacher or administration. The classroom teacher will designate a location for students to store cell phones and devices during school hours. Students may have cell phones for after-school trips, ball games, etc. Zion School personnel are not responsible for lost, broken or stolen devices. Zion School employees will confiscate a student's cell phone if it is being used without proper permissions. Confiscated phones must be picked up by their parent/guardian.

THE SCHOOL TELEPHONE

The school telephone is for business calls only. Please make all necessary plans with children before they leave home in the morning. Children are not to be called to the telephone, or make calls, except in case of emergency. However, we are happy to take a message to be given to your child if you feel it is necessary. If you wish to speak to a teacher, leave your number and he/she will call as soon as possible.

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

With access to such vast storehouses of information and instant communication with millions of people from all over the world, material will be available that may not be considered to be of educational value by the district or which is inappropriate for distribution to children. The district has taken available precautions, including but not limited to enforcing the use of filters that block access to obscenity, child pornography and other materials harmful to minors. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all material and an industrious user may obtain access to inappropriate information or material. The district firmly believes that the value of the information and interaction available on the Internet far outweighs the possibility that students and employees may procure material which is not consistent with our educational goals.

It is all staff members' responsibility to educate students about appropriate online behavior including interactions with other individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyber

bullying awareness and response. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as once a year short training session, one-on-one education with individual students, and/or via educational handouts. It is also the responsibility of all staff members to monitor students' online activity for appropriate behavior.

As a student I agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I will not use the internet for transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulations. Transmission of copyrighted material threatening or obscene materials, materials protected by trade secrets, product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
- I will refrain from using profanity and vulgarities on the internet. I will not use the internet for illegal activities.
- I will not give my home address, location of my school, phone number or any personal information about myself or any other student or school personnel to anyone via the internet.
- I understand that use of e-mail or any other communications over the internet are not private; any messages related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported authorities.
- I understand that I am prohibited from conducting any actions that may endanger my safety, or the safety of other students/staff members while using any component of the school's internet access and/or network.
- I will not use the internet in a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.
- I will respect the trademark and copyrights of materials on the internet and assume anything accessed via the network is private property.
- The school system and service provider are not responsible for any damages or losses resulting from using the internet services or information obtained from the internet.
- If you discover any way to access unauthorized information or defeat any security measures you must inform administration immediately. You must not share any authorized information with any other user.
- Vandalism of any kind is prohibited.
- These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state and the United States of America.

PARTIES

Class parties are allowed only under the following circumstances:

- Special Holidays
- When the teacher plans a party for special educational benefits

The above does not necessarily apply to kindergarten and pre-school. Any planning for parties in kindergarten and pre-school should be arranged with his/her teacher.

LOST AND FOUND

Zion school cannot be responsible for items brought to school by students, so parents are encouraged not to allow students to bring valuable items to school. All lost and found articles will be handled through the office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Zion physical education program is recognized as one of the finest in the state. The school provides uniforms and takes care of laundering them. A child will not be excused from physical education for health reasons without a note from his/her parents. If a child has a note from his/her parents more than three days in a row, he must also have a doctor's note. If a child gets sick during the day, but has not gone home, the physical education teacher will need a note from the regular classroom teacher to verify this. Please keep in mind that physical education is an important part of a child's total education. As in any subject, the child needs to be in every class to get the best possible benefits from that class. Please be sure that your child is really unable to participate before you send a note to school with him. A parent is not helping a child by writing notes if there is no real illness or injury.

ZION SCHOOL COMPACT WITH STUDENTS & PARENTS

It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards. Through a process that included teachers, families, students, and community representatives, the following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success in school and in life.

Staff Pledge:
I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Teach classes through interesting and challenging lessons that promote student achievement.
- Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- Have high expectations and help every child to develop a love of learning.
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress.
- Provide a warm, safe, and caring learning environment.
- Provide meaningful, daily homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning.
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Actively participate in collaborative decision making and consistently work with families and my school colleagues to make schools accessible and welcoming places for families which help each student achieve the school's high academic standards.
- Respect the school, staff and families.

Student Pledge:
I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Come to school ready to learn and work hard.
- Bring necessary materials, completed assignments and homework.
- Know and follow school and class rules.
- Communicate regularly with my parents and teachers about school experiences so that they can help me to be successful in school.
- Limit my TV watching and instead study or read every day after school.
- Respect the school, classmates, staff and families.
- If assigned an electronic device, I will take extra special care of it, while transporting it to and from school.
- I will also make sure my assigned electronic device is charged and ready to go for class each day.

Family/Parent Pledge:
I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework and monitor TV viewing.
- Read to my child or encourage my child to read every day.
- Ensure that my child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention and proper nutrition.
- Regularly monitor my child's progress in school.
- Participate at school in activities such as school decision making, volunteering and/or attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

COVID-19 CHECKLIST

The safety of your child and our staff is of utmost importance as we return to school. During the school year, we are asking you to daily check your child for signs of COVID-19. Below is a checklist of statements you may use as a reference. If your child exhibits any of the following signs, indicating by answering, "yes" to the questions below, **please keep them at home**. You can also access this checklist from our website at www.zionjets.com.

- Does your child have a temperature of 100 degrees or more (and new onset of severe headache) today?
- Does your child have a sore throat?
- Does your child have a cough (a different cough than asthma/allergies, a change in their cough from baseline)?
- Does your child have a loss of smell or taste?
- Does your child have shortness of breath?

- Does your child have diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain?
- Has your child had close contact with a positive COVID case?

AFTER READING THE STUDENT HANDBOOK PARENTS SHOULD SIGN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL.

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Student's Name

I have read and understand the policies stated in the Zion School Handbook.

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Student's Signature (5th-8th Grade Student's Only)

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Parent's Signature

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Date