

ZION FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HOURS PROGRAM 2020-2021

The Zion Family Partnership hours program allows Zion Lutheran School parents and family members to be involved and active in their child's education. Through a wide range of volunteer service opportunities, classroom assistance, athletic, academic and Parent-Teacher League (P.T.L.) sponsored events, YOU can benefit the school community! Building and strengthening family and school community relationships is the goal.

What is expected? Every Zion Lutheran School family is involved!

½ Day & Full-Day Kindergarten--8th Grade Families -- Complete 15 Partnership Hours

4 yr. old Preschool -- Complete 5 Partnership Hours

3 yr. old Preschool – No Partnership Hours required

****The above hours are per family (whether 1 child or 5 children at Zion)****

Who can work the hours? Parents, grandparents, and even your neighbors can serve these hours for the family.

How can I work the hours? Based on your time and your talents, opportunities abound to help out! P.T.L. activities, classroom parent help, working a fund-raiser, selling tickets for athletic events. A suggested list of volunteer partnership opportunities is included on the back side of this page. The basic premise is that the qualifying activity must benefit more than just your child or family to receive credit.

How are the hours tracked? Partnership hours will be tracked via paper forms submitted by you (available in school office) OR send an email to zionpartnership@gmail.com with volunteer details. Forms are found in the school office. Quarterly statements will be sent home as a reminder of your progress.

When does it begin? Partnership Hours may be worked starting May 16th of the prior school year, worked during the summer break (ie—July 4th food booth help or school improvement projects)! The partnership hours requirement must be met for each current academic year by May 15th.

What if I don't meet my hours? Any partnership hours not met during the academic year by May 15th will be assessed a \$10/hour fee as determined by the Board of Christian Day School at Zion. To support and encourage one another, families meeting their partnership hours and working extra may donate up to 5 hours total to other school families (each family can only RECEIVE up to 5 hours of donated time). Active participation in volunteering is greatly preferred over any fee assessment or donating hours received.

Zion looks forward to partnering with you to improve our school! Please call the school office at (708) 946-2272 for further explanation.

ZION FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HOURS OPPORTUNITIES

Here is a list of suggestions for meeting Partnership Hours. Watch the school newsletter for other exciting ways to support your school family.

Remember: If activity benefits the school community (more than just your child/family), it counts!

Parent-Teacher League (P.T.L.)

- Attend a P.T.L. meeting
- Serve as an Officer or Event Chair
- Set-Up/Clean-Up at a P.T.L.-sponsored event (Grandparents Day; Ice Cream Social; Snowman Shoppe; Book Fair; Program Refreshment; Game Night; Dance)

Athletics/Intramurals

- Work sports concessions
- Collect entrance admission to games
- Coach a sport (practices and games count for hours!)

Classroom Help

- Filing
- Individual Teacher Help (cutting and copying packets)
- Field Trip Chaperone
- Tutoring

Classroom Parent Volunteer

- Plan/Shop for Class Parties
- Shop/Bake for Class Parties

Dinner Auction

- Buy Tickets (2 hours credit per ticket, max of 4 hours per family)

Food Program

- Hot Lunch (sign up for any day)
- 4th of July Food booth

Library Helper

Rewards Program Coordinators

- Box Tops for Education
- Tyson Labels
- Aunt Millie's
- Inkjet Cartridges

Heartwarmers

- Transport students from school to Beecher Manor
- Supervise students during activity

Fundraisers (specific limits will be listed in school newsletter)

- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Spirit Wear Coordinator
- Craft Fair
- Fundraisers

Beecher Community Billboard

- Weekly Sign Letter Changing

Zion Board Participation

- Board of Christian Day School Committee Member

Submit partnership hours in ½ hour increments via paper form found in school office
OR

Send an e-mail with student name, event, worker name and total hours to zionpartnership@gmail.com