

ZLO New Student Information

ZLO is an educationally intense experience. We exist as support to families who value education, and especially parental involvement in their child's education. We know your money is important to you, and serving students well is important to us.

To begin the new student admissions process, please call our administrator, Molly Crocker at 384-0984, or her admissions assistant, Linda Kink at 671-2014. We will be asking for the following information:

Parents names

Phone

Student(s)

Date(s) of birth

Your child's (or family's) educational history

Why you are homeschooling

Where you heard about ZLO

It is imperative that you make us aware of educational, behavioral, mental, or emotional problems your child may be having, medications your child is taking to assist with these, or family situations (long term illness, death of a family member, separated or divorced parents, etc) that may affect the child's ability to focus on homework. When our administrator speaks with you, it is critical that you are open about your situation and your needs. We always enjoy being able to make a positive difference, but we must be made aware of these things to make that happen.

A student is a great fit if...

- Students and parents work well together on homework. Parents are still homeschooling, and that often means learning together on material new to both.
- Students have learned to treat adults in a mature and respectful manner. This is typical of homeschoolers who usually work closely with adults.
- Students are willing learners, open to trying new things.
- Parents closely supervise student homework and progress, and will pick up a phone and call an instructor whenever there is a question.
- Families can adapt to due dates in their work, which may be new to homeschoolers. We encourage new students to add a full classload gradually, so that time management can be learned. We do expect to teach this.

These characteristics allow us to accomplish in two 75-minute meetings per week what other educational settings require in five meetings per week.

We are often able to help with a student who...

- Has not been able to learn because a typical academic setting is a poor fit, either educationally or socially. These students are typically overwhelmed or 'lost' because of class size and busy-ness, playground or social situations, or they may be underwhelmed by a setting that seems rigid or mechanical.
- Is gifted or remedial. We allow students to perform at their level, and we can increase or relax the pace of education.
- Has a physical handicap or learning disability. If you are willing to teach us how to work with your child, teachers and students alike, then we will try to make it happen. We can often tailor coursework to the student's ability and needs.

A student is a poor fit who...

- Displays a strong disagreement with our Christian, Biblically based setting.
- Was removed from another educational setting for disciplinary reasons. ZLO is an option for all students to begin to excel, regardless of their abilities, and we will not accept a student who has demonstrated dangerous behavior or is disruptive in the classroom.
- Has little or no supervision on off days due to the lack of a stay at home parent. We have seen some near-disasters, and will not accept a student who is on 'autopilot' on off days.
- Has separated or divorced parents who are not in complete agreement about the use of ZLO as an educational option. We find that students who are split between parents in different households often find that the items needed to complete their homework are at the other house.
- Is in need of, or in the beginning stages of treatment for various emotional or mental illness or substance abuse. We can recommend one-on-one tutors while medications are being adjusted or treatment is being established before a gradual introduction to classwork under deadlines. Please, don't try to do too many things at once!