

HOME SCHOOLING REQUIREMENTS

Section I: Curriculum and Instruction

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1. Requirements for approval of home instruction will include:
 - a. The parent or legal guardian must request permission to hold home instruction on an annual basis.
 - b. A home instruction application form will be provided to the parents or legal guardian. This form must be completed and returned to the Superintendent before approval may be granted.
 - c. The School Committee delegates the approval of home instruction to the Superintendent.
2. Children in home instruction may, at the discretion of parents or guardian and with the agreement from the Superintendent, attend the public schools on a part-time basis and within regular school schedule to attend specialized classes (electives) in the public school, but not core content. They may also participate in extracurricular activities.
3. Parents or a legal guardian in charge of home instruction should make provision for regular testing or use of other indicators of student progress such as standardized achievement tests. As an alternative to home testing and at the request of those in charge of the home instruction, the School District will make provision for inclusion of home-taught children in the annual achievement test battery, which is usually administered in February or March of each school year. The home instruction summary form must include either a summary of home testing results for each required subject for each child or the results of the achievement test that is administered through the School District.
4. Upon completion of the agreed upon home school program, parents/guardians will submit all student assessment data and a letter stating intent for home schooling or in school instruction for the following school year. Educational plans for home instruction for the new school year must be submitted for review and approval no later than August 1.
5. The Superintendent will act in a responsible, cooperative manner to ensure that all children in the School District receive competent, adequate instruction. This concern includes children in home education. If the Superintendent determines that a home instruction situation is inadequate, a conference between the parents or legal guardian and the Superintendent will be scheduled to find mutually acceptable ways to correct any deficiency.
6. If deficiencies in a home education situation are not corrected or the proper annual application or summary is not completed by the parents or legal guardian, an appropriate referral will be made.

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