

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HOME EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

Eligibility:

The Board recognizes that RSA 193-A provides the right for parents to pursue home education within the parameters of requirements and evaluation set by the New Hampshire State Department of Education (NHDOE).

Enrollment Procedures:

Any parent commencing a home education program for a child who withdraws from the School District shall notify New Hampshire Department of Education or the Superintendent within 30 days of commencement of the home education program. Such notification shall include the names, addresses and birth dates of all children who are participating in the home education program. If such notice is provided to the Superintendent, s/he shall acknowledge receipt of notification within fourteen (14) days. The Superintendent shall assist parents in making such notification in complying with applicable statutory requirements. Conventional attendance policies of the District and State Law apply to all students within the District until the Commissioner of Education, the Superintendent, or a non-public school principal acknowledge the establishment of a home education program, or immediately apply upon the termination of any home education program so acknowledged.

Evaluation Procedures:

Parents must maintain a portfolio of records and materials relative to the home education program and must provide for an annual evaluation documenting the child's demonstration of education progress at a level commensurate with the child's age and ability, in accordance with RSA 193-A and ED 315. Parents electing to request the school district's participation in the annual evaluation must make arrangements to do so with the appropriate building administrator prior to the end of the public school year, provided the school district is acting as the participating agency. If the school district is not acting as the participating agency, the Superintendent may provide evaluation services at his discretion. The Superintendent will develop a form that may be used by parents in filing the results of the outside evaluation. The building principal will use the same form in filing the results of an evaluation with the Superintendent's office. Principals will send copies of said evaluation to the parents. The Superintendent will notify the parents if their child has demonstrated progress within 21 days of receiving the annual evaluation data. If progress is not demonstrated, the Superintendent will notify the parents in compliance with Department of Education regulations. The Superintendent shall review the results of the annual education evaluation of children in home education programs. If the home-educated child has not demonstrated education progress, the Superintendent or

his/her designee shall notify the parent in writing that such progress has not been achieved. Likewise, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall notify the parent in writing within 21 days of the evaluation if the child has demonstrated educational progress.

Re-enrollment into the School District:

Parents deciding to re-enroll their children into the school district following a period of home education will make arrangements with the building principal for an evaluation to determine appropriate placement in the school's program. Placements will be consistent with the School Board policy governing student placements and are subject to the same appeal process. Parents are responsible to remain aware of the scope and sequence of the District curriculum and for aligning their home education program in ways that may eliminate conflicts to appropriate placement.

Graduation/Diplomas

No certificates or diplomas will be awarded to home-educated students by the School Board. Students must enter the regular school program and complete all necessary graduation requirements from any district high school to be eligible for a certificate or diploma.

Participation in school curricular and co-curricular activities

Participation of home education students in programs and activities are subject to the following conditions.

1. Home education students must supply to the school proof their home school enrollment.
2. All students are subject to the same age, performance, and pre-requisite standards for admission to courses and co-curricular activities.
3. Home education students seeking admission to courses requiring prerequisites will be asked to demonstrate academic achievement comparable to that required of fully enrolled students meeting prerequisite standards. The teacher/guidance counselor/principal will discuss alternative ways to demonstrate achievement with the parents of home-educated pupils. Final determination of a student's qualifications to enroll in a course requiring prerequisites will be made by the building principal.
4. Students may not enroll for single subjects that are taught as part of integrated courses - those courses that cover two or more subjects and are taught by a single individual or team - but may seek admission to the integrated course.
5. Participation in athletic and other extra-curricular programs and activities will be in compliance with the school's eligibility requirements as well as with the guidelines adopted by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association. See Policy JJA.
6. It may be neither practical nor feasible for home-educated pupils to participate in special programs that have unclear or flexible schedules. The parents of home-

educated pupils must take the initiative to check with the school on the scheduling of events and possible changes that may occur.

7. The parents of home-educated pupils may be asked to provide supervision for some activities on the same basis as the parents of fully enrolled students.

Legal Reference:

RSA 193-A, Home Education

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

RSA 193:1-a, Dual Enrollment

RSA 193:1-c, Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic or Home Educated Pupils

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 315, Procedures for the Operation of Home Education Programs

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