

**HOME EDUCATION/DUAL ENROLLMENT**

The Board acknowledges the right of every parent to choose to home educate their child(ren) in compliance with RSA 193-A or to send their child(ren) to a nonpublic school approved by the State of New Hampshire. A home educated student or nonpublic school student who has not graduated from a high school level program and is under the age of 21 shall be entitled to participate in Keene school activities as set forth in this Policy.

**I. Participation in Classes/Activities**

All requests by a home educated or nonpublic school student for participation in an educational program or co-/extra-curricular activity shall be timely made in writing by the parent/guardian or student 18 years of age or over, in duplicate to the principal of the appropriate school and to the Superintendent. After consulting with the principal (who shall consult with appropriate staff), the superintendent or his/her designee shall, in writing, grant or deny the request.

Requests for participation shall be evaluated as set forth below. In addition, a sending school district must agree to pay appropriate prorated tuition costs for its home-educated or nonpublic school students who wish to participate in Keene classes or activities.

**A. General Participation**

1. There is space available in the class/activity. If the class/activity employs a “cut” policy, the standards for the “cut” shall not be more restrictive for home educated or non-public school students.
2. The admission of the student will not have an adverse affect on the class/activity.
3. There are no extra costs incurred by the district.
4. The class/activity is deemed to be developmentally and academically appropriate.
5. Prerequisite class/activity requirements are met.
6. Transportation, other than regularly scheduled school bus service, is provided by the parent/guardian.
7. No substantial administrative or staff burden is created.
8. There are no other factors impacting why the request should be granted or denied.
9. A request by a home educated or nonpublic school student for the related services of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, psychological, guidance, etc., and/or other special education services shall generally be denied.

**B. Participation in Regular Class**

1. Notification of desire to participate is received by the Superintendent and school principal in accordance with the same application deadlines as apply to resident students. Requests will be processed on a first come first served basis. In case of a tie, requests will be accepted by drawing lots.
3. The student completes all assignments and tests as are required of other students in the class.

4. Credit/grade is granted only after the successful completion of the class.
5. Enrollment is for a full semester only and is not so extensive to warrant full-time participation.

C. Participation in Co-Curricular Activities (Field trips, assemblies, science fairs, etc.)

1. Prior written permission has been given by the parent/guardian if the student is under age 18.
2. Prior written permission has been given by the principal.
3. The student has agreed to abide by the same code of conduct as the regularly enrolled students participating in the activity.
4. The parent/guardian accepts responsibility for transportation to and from the school and/or activity.
5. The parent/guardian agrees to chaperone an event if deemed advisable by the applicable principal.
6. Requests for participation in activities which are purely social, such as school dances, will be determined in accordance with the school's guest policies or practices.

D. Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities (Destination Imagination, band, chorus, school clubs, intramural and interscholastic sports, etc.)

1. The student meets the same academic, physical examination, age and eligibility requirements and standards as regularly enrolled students (documentation of such must be provided when requested by the principal).
2. The student from a home education or nonpublic school program meets the same eligibility requirements as enrolled transfer students.
3. The student maintains the same code of behavior as required of other regularly enrolled school participants.
4. The student must travel to and from team events with the team.
5. The student may not be enrolled in another public school.
6. Attendance is regular, behavior is appropriate, and the parent/guardian and student demonstrate a willingness to follow the district's/school's rules and regulations.
7. Student attends practices or programs regularly and is on time.

II. Use of Facilities and Equipment

Students may use school facilities and equipment on the same basis as regularly enrolled students provided the following conditions are met:

- A. The use does not disrupt regular student, staff, or special program use.
- B. The use has been approved by the building principal prior to use.
- C. The use will not create additional expense to the school district.
- D. The use is directly related to the home instruction educational program.
- E. The use does not involve removing furniture or equipment from the school premises.

### III. Use of School Texts and Library Books/Materials

Students may be permitted to use school texts and library books/materials provided the following conditions are met:

- A. Sufficient copies are available.
- B. The text is appropriate to the student's age and grade.
- C. The text is signed out to the student and/or parent/guardian for a period of no longer than one year or such shorter time as may be required by the custodian of the text.
- D. Library books are signed out according to the library loan policy.
- E. The student and/or parent/guardian agree to pay the school district for all lost, damaged and/or non-returned texts and/or library books. The District may require a security deposit.

### IV. Diploma Eligibility

Nonpublic school or home educated students are not eligible to receive a diploma representing satisfactory completion of Keene School District graduation requirements nor would they be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### V. Evaluation

Students being home educated may participate in regularly scheduled, standardized testing program administered by the district or annual evaluation services provided the following conditions are met:

- A. The parent/guardian notifies the building principal as to the intention to participate at least three (3) months in advance of the testing dates.
- B. The student attends the scheduled testing sessions/dates.
- C. The parent/guardian complies with state standards for home school annual evaluations.

*See Policy IHBG*

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