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Home Schooling

Home Instruction

The Board of Education recognizes the right of parents to educate their children at home. Parents must follow state regulations regarding home school instruction. Parents must file with the Superintendent of Schools, a Notice of Intent form which provides basic information about the program to be provided for their child. A Notice of Intent must be filed annually.

The Board believes that formal education in public schools is highly beneficial both for the child and for society.

Children educated at home are considered to be non-public school students and are not part of the system's educational responsibility and are not part of the school system.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of the parents.

10-220 Duties of the boards of education.

Policy adopted: August 13, 2007

Amity Regional School District No. 5
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

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Equivalent Education Under Parental Direction

Procedures for Home Instruction

The State Board of Education acknowledges the right of parents to instruct their children at home as an alternative to public school attendance; and advises local and regional boards of education, where such child would otherwise be attending public school, to acknowledge home instruction when the parent or person having control of a child between the ages of 7 and 16 is able to show that the child is receiving instruction in the studies taught in the public schools.

It is recommended that the local board of education observe the following procedures:

- A. Parents must file with the Superintendent of Schools in the town in which they reside a State Department of Education developed notice of intent form which provides basic information about the program to be provided to their child. A notice of intent will be effective for up to one school year (see attached).
- B. Filing must occur within ten days of the start of the home instruction program.
- C. The school district will receive the notice of intent, check it for completeness and keep it as part of the district's permanent record. A complete form will be one which provides basic program information, including name of teacher, subjects to be taught, days of instruction, and the teacher's method of assessment.
- D. A parent, by filing a notice of intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a notice of intent in no way constitutes approval by a school district of the content or effectiveness of a program of home instruction.
- E. If a parent fails to file a notice of intent or files an incomplete form, then a certified letter shall be sent to the parent requesting compliance within ten days.
- F. An annual portfolio review may be held with the parents and school officials to determine if instruction in the required course has been given.
- G. Any continued refusal by the parent to comply with the reasonable request of the school for completion and filing of the notice of intent may cause the child to be considered truant.
- H. A school district should not accept nor require a notice of intent for any child younger than seven years or older than sixteen years.

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10-184 Duties of parents

10-184a Special education programs not required for children in home or private schools

10-220 Duties of Board of Education

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Woodbridge, Connecticut**

NOTICE OF INTENT INSTRUCTION OF STUDENT AT HOME

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The subjects to be taught are:

	YES	NO
(Required) Reading		
Writing		
Spelling		
English Grammar		
Geography		
Mathematics		
US History		
Citizenship (Including a study of Town, State, and Federal Governments)		
(Recommended) Science		
Other		

Total number of days scheduled for instruction: _____

Teacher's methods of assessment of student progress: _____

I acknowledge and accept full responsibility for the education of my child in accordance with the requirements of State law.

Parent Signature

Date

I only acknowledge receipt of this form and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program.

Superintendent

Date