

**Series 6000 - Instruction****1. Elementary and Secondary****G. Curriculum Extensions****(2) Program Adaptations/Alternative Programs****(h) Home-schooling****Equivalent Education Under Parental Direction**

The Suffield Board of Education believes that formal education in the public schools is highly beneficial both for the child and for the society, but it also recognizes the right of parents to fulfill their obligation to ensure an education of their children by schooling them at home. The Board of Education has taken the position that it is not obligated to permit dual enrollment of students receiving home instruction. However, the Board grants the Superintendent discretion to recommend exceptions to the policy and to advise the Board of those exceptions. The Superintendent will provide a report to the Board when such a request has been made. Parents of home-schooled students will be made aware of an appeals process to the Superintendent's decision and such appeals will be made to a subcommittee of the Board of Education. If the aggrieved family is not satisfied with the resolution at the subcommittee level, the family can request a hearing before the Board of Education. The Board of Education will issue a written response relative to the decision within ten (10) days of the hearing. The Board instructs the school administration to work cooperatively with home-schooling parents.

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 10-184 Duties of parents  
                                 10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

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