



Book	Policies
Section	JE - Student Attendance
Title	HOME SCHOOLING/HOME INSTRUCTION
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Regulation

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the basis for home schooling/home instruction and to ensure that each child participating in home schooling/home instruction is receiving regular and thorough instruction during the same period in studies usually taught in the public schools of children the same age.

II. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of St. Mary's County (the Board) recognizes home schooling as an alternative to public school enrollment, and therefore, directs the Superintendent of Schools to establish regulations and procedures for the parents/legal guardians to notify St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) of a child's participation (annually) and for the review of the instruction.

III. Definitions

Home Schooling/Home Instruction - instruction provided by the parents/legal guardians to a school-aged child. The child is not enrolled in a public school. The public school is notified annually of a child's participation in home instruction (annual verification). SMCPS may review the portfolio of educational materials, may discuss the instructional program, and may observe instruction provided in the home. Where the instruction is supervised by a nonpublic school with a certificate of approval by the Maryland State Board of Education or a school or instruction offering an educational program operated by a bona fide church organization, SMCPS shall have no obligation except to review the annual parental verification.

IV. Expectations for Evaluation, Review, and Updates

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated according to the Board of Education review schedule and/or as federal and state laws and regulations change.

St. Mary's County Public Schools, Leonardtown, Maryland