

HOME SCHOOLING

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The board will approve home schooling programs which meet the following standards.

- The parent has earned a baccalaureate degree or the parent holds at least a high school diploma or the equivalent GED certificate.
- The instructional day is at least four and one-half hours, excluding lunch and recess.
- The instructional year is at least 180 days.
- The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies and, in grades seven through twelve, composition and literature.
- The parent establishes a system for maintaining and maintains the following records for inspection upon reasonable notice by a representative of the school district.
 - a plan book, diary or other written record indicating subjects taught and activities in which the student and parent engage
 - a portfolio of samples of the student's academic work
 - a record of evaluations of the student's academic progress
- Students have access to library facilities.
- The parent agrees for the student to participate and students participate in the annual statewide testing program and the Basic Skills Assessment Program. The test will be administered by a certified school district employee either with public school students or by special arrangement at the student's place of instruction.
- The parent agrees in writing to hold the district, the board, and the district's employees harmless for any educational deficiencies of the student sustained as a result of home instruction.

Withdrawal of approval

At any time the school district determines that the parent is not maintaining the home school program in keeping with the standards specified in this section, the board will notify the parent to correct the deficiency within 30 days. If the deficiencies are not corrected within 30 days, the board may withdraw its approval.

Placement of student scoring below test requirement

Should a student in home schools program score below the test requirement of the promotion standard prescribed for public school students for one year, the board will decide whether or not the student will receive one of the following alternatives.

- appropriate instructional placement in the public school
- referral for special services as a disabled student
- home schooling with an instructional support system at parental expense

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