

Board of Education Policy

HOME INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education shall ensure that children instructed at home are taught by a competent instructor and receive an education substantially equivalent to that offered in the District's schools.

Parents/guardians who wish to educate their children at home must submit to the District an individual home instruction plan (IHIP) outlining the educational goals to be met and the course materials and syllabi to be used each year for the child's learning process. The District may accept or deny an IHIP. Parents/guardians must submit quarterly reports that will provide the District with the necessary information to make determinations of substantial equivalency and competency of instruction on an ongoing basis.

Parents/guardians may appeal to the Board a determination by the Superintendent of Schools or designee that an IHIP is not in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Parents/guardians shall have the right to appeal the final determination of the Board to the Commissioner of Education within thirty (30) days of receipt of such determination.

A student with an IHIP, who is a resident of the District and has a disability, or is suspected of having a disability, is eligible to receive services from the District, in accordance with law, regulation and District policy. A parent/guardian must request special education services in writing to the Board of Education no later than June 1st, unless the child is first identified or moves into the District after June 1st. In that case, the parent/guardian must request the services within 30 days of being identified or of moving into the District.

Special education services will be provided on an equitable basis compared to programs and services provided to other students with disabilities attending public or nonpublic schools within the District. The Board of Education will determine the location where services will be available to home schooled students.

Ref: Education Law §§ 3204(2); 3210(2)(d); 3602-c(2-c)
8 NYCRR §100.10
Appeal of Ponte, 41 EDR 174, Dec. No. 14,659 (2001)
Matter of Abookire, 33 EDR 473, Dec. No. 13,118 (1994)
State Education Department Memorandum, "New Requirements for the Provision of Special Education Services to Home-Instructed ("Home-Schooled") Students, July 2008

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