
HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION: 2166

Home-based instruction may be provided by a parent/guardian who has filed a ‘declaration of intent to home school’ with the Federal Way Public Schools’ Office of Student Placement by September 15 or within two (2) weeks of the beginning of any school term. All decisions relating to philosophy, materials, curriculum, methods, instruction, and provision for evaluation shall be the responsibility of the parent. Parents/guardians who wish to home school their children should follow the rules and regulations for Instructional Certification in RCW 28A.225.010. Failure to comply with the standards specified shall constitute a violation of the compulsory attendance law.

Home-based students are permitted to enroll and receive ancillary services, including special education, provided that such students are eligible for such services and enrolled in the Federal Way Public Schools.

The parents/guardians of children receiving home-based instruction shall ensure annual student assessment using either a standardized State Board of Education approved test, or a written summary of student academic progress by a certificated person currently working in the field of education.

In the event of a transfer to a public school, the Superintendent/designee may require a standardized assessment to determine appropriate placement.

A student receiving home-based instruction enrolling in a public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be counted by the school district in any required state or federal accountability reporting if the student’s parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the student received home-based instruction during the school year before the school year in which the student intends to participate in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education. Parental declaration of student’s grade level will be accepted for the purpose of enrolling in a Running Start Program.

Students receiving home-based instruction under RCW 28A.200 and students attending private schools approved under chapter RCW 28A.195 shall not be required to meet the student learning goals, obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement to graduate from high school or to master the essential academic learning requirements.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.350	Part-time students–Defined–Enrollment authorized– Reimbursement for costs–Funding authority recognition–Rules, Regulations
	28A.195.010	Private schools–Extension programs for parents to teach children
	28A.200.010	Home-based instruction–Duties of parents– Exemption from high school assessment requirements

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Legal References: (Continued)	28A.200.020	Home-based instruction–Certain decisions responsibility of parents unless otherwise specified
	28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory–Age–Exceptions
	28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school–Tuition
	28A.225.225	Application from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school–Acceptance and rejection standards–Notification in their custody
	WAC 392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students