

HOME INSTRUCTION

On notification by the parent of a child and on recommendation by the Superintendent, the School Committee will consider the approval of home instruction. Approval will be in accordance with RI General Law 16-19-2.

Parents choosing to home school must submit a letter of intent and the required district forms on a yearly basis to the office of the Superintendent. Home Instruction must be approved each year. If the parent decides to cease home schooling, the Superintendent should be notified and the child enrolled in public school or an approved private school. The parent home instructing his or her child must agree to comply with R.I.G.L. 16-19-2 and other provisions of state law, which require the following:

1. An attendance register must be made available for inspection by the office of the Superintendent at the end of each academic year.
2. The child will attend a period of at least the equivalent of 180 days.
3. Reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, United States and Rhode Island history, principles of American Government, English, health and physical education shall be included in the home instruction program. Beginning in Grade 4, the history and government of Rhode Island must be taught. At Grade 9, instruction in the Constitution and government of Rhode Island and the United States must begin.
4. Instruction in the required subjects must be in the English language and taught "to the same extent" as these subjects are required to be taught in the public school. Teaching in these subjects must also be "thorough and efficient".

Home-schooled students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics must meet the requirements set forth by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. Home-schooled students who seek permission to participate in academic and extra-curricular activities offered by the district must make a written request to do so to the Superintendent. Permission will be granted on a space-available basis and in the absence of any cost to the district.

A student who completes an approved program of home instruction is not eligible to receive a Mt. Hope High School diploma. Home-instructed students who enroll at the high school will be assessed by the Superintendent or his/her designee to determine the number of credits, toward the diploma they should receive, if any, and their grade level.

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