

## SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING)

New York State law does not recognize home schools as private elementary or secondary schools except for special education services. However, sometimes parents will choose to instruct their children at home. The School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home schooling for their children realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

### Provision of Services to Home-Instructed Students

They are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school or the District.

a) Extracurricular Participation

They are *not* eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. However, the School District *does* permit home-instructed students to participate in intramural and other school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

b) Textbooks and Materials

The District is not required to loan available textbooks and other materials (e.g., library materials, microscopes, computer software, movie projectors) to home-instructed students. However, the School District *shall provide* home-instructed students with such textbooks and materials.

c) Health Services

The School District is *not required* to furnish health services.

d) Remedial Program

The District *is not responsible* for providing remedial programs.

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**SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING) (Cont'd.)**e) Special Education Services

The Committee on Special Education (CSE) will develop an Individualized Education Service Program (IESP) for the student with a disability in consideration of the parent's decision to home school their child. The Board of Education will determine the location where the special education services will be provided.

f) Career and Technical/Gifted Education

The District is not permitted to provide to home-instructed students Occupational and Vocational Education programs (career and technical education) or programs for the Gifted.

g) Use of School Facilities

Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in Policy #3280 -- Community Use of School Facilities.

Education Law Sections 3204, 3205, 3210(2), 3212(2),  
3240-42, 3602-c and 4402  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Sections 100.10, 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(b)(2) and  
200.2(a)