

Tumwater School District Board Policy

PART-TIME, HOME-BASED, OR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Part time students are permitted to enroll and receive ancillary services, provided such students are otherwise eligible for full time enrollment in the school district, and such courses/services are not available in the student's private school or an approved extension. Part-time status also includes any student, not enrolled in a private school, who is receiving home-based instruction and taking courses at or receiving ancillary services from the district or both, or any student involved in an approved work training program.

Home-based Instruction shall consist of instructional and related educational activities, including the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music. Such instruction will be equivalent, as liberally construed, to the total annual program hours per grade level as established for public schools.

Each parent whose child is receiving home-based instruction has the duty to:

1. Ensure that test scores or annual academic progress assessments and immunization records, as well as any other records, are kept relating to the student's instructional and educational activities. These records may be used by the public school if the student wishes to discontinue home-based instruction.
2. Ensure that a standardized achievement test, approved by the State Board of Education is administered annually to the student by a qualified individual or an annual assessment of the student's academic progress is written by a certificated person who is currently working in the field of education. The standardized test results or the annual academic progress report be made part of the student's permanent records.

Parent Qualifications

RCW 28A.225.010(4) requires that the instructional and educational activities be:

1. Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child(ren) only and is supervised by a certificated person (Chapter 28A.410 RCW). The supervision consists of objectives by the certificated person and the parent; a minimum each month of an average of one contact hour per week with the child being supervised by the certificated person; and evaluation of such child's progress by the certificated person. The number of children supervised by the certificated person shall not exceed thirty; or
2. Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child(ren) only and who has either earned forty-five college level credit hours or the equivalent in semester hours; or
3. Provided by a parent who has completed a course in home-based instruction at a post-secondary institution or a vocational-technical institute; or
4. Provided by a parent who is deemed sufficiently qualified to provide home based instruction by the superintendent of the local school district in which the child resides.

Home-based instruction may be provided by a parent who has filed a declaration of intent with the superintendent by September 15, or within two (2) weeks of the beginning of any quarter, trimester or semester. Parents may file their declaration of intent with the school district in which they reside or in a school district that has accepted their student pursuant to RCW 28A.225.225.

All decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, and methods, timing, and place in the provision or evaluation of home-based instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent except as set forth in the signed declaration of intent. Failure of a parent to comply with the standards as specified in this policy shall constitute a violation of the compulsory attendance law.

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
28A.225.225	Applications to attend nonresident district
28A.195.010	Private schools — Extension programs for parents to teach children in their custody — Scope of state control — Generally
28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory — Age — Persons having custody shall cause child to attend public school — Exceptions
28A.200.010	Home-based instruction — Duties of parents
28A.200.020	Home-based instruction — Certain decisions responsibility of parent
28A.150.350	Part-time students — Defined — Enrollment authorized — Reimbursement for costs-- Funding authority recognition-- Rules
WAC 392-121-182	Enrollment time credit-off-campus — Alternative Learning Experiences — Study time off-campus Instruction Requirements
392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students

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