

PARTICIPATION OF HOME STUDY STUDENTS

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of LNSU to integrate home study students into its schools through enrollment in courses, participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and use of school facilities.

Definitions

1. **Home study student** means a student enrolled in a registered home study program pursuant to **16 V.S.A. §166b**.
2. **School facilities** means the portions of a school building and grounds used by students for classes, study and co-curricular or extracurricular activities.

Administrative Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee shall develop written procedures to ensure compliance with 16 V.S.A. §563(24) and the Vermont State Board of Education Rule Series 4400.

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<i>Legal Reference(s):</i>	<i>16 V.S.A. §166b</i>
	<i>16 V.S.A. § 563(24) (Powers of school boards)</i>
	<i>Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rule Series §§ 4400 et seq.</i>
<i>Cross Reference:</i>	

¹ Under 16 V.S.A. §563(24), school boards are required to "... adopt a policy which, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education, will integrate home study students into its schools through enrollment in courses, participation in co curricular and extracurricular activities and use of facilities." See also SBE Rules 4400-4405.



Home Study Procedure

Vermont law compels children between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school. In some circumstances, students may study at home, disenrolling from the District's schools. The District shall not be responsible for academic planning or supervision of educational curriculum for resident home study students. Homes study shall be the responsibility of parents or guardians, subject to supervision by the Vermont Agency of Education.

Where parents or guardians wish to withdraw students they must seek approval from the Agency of Education. If parents or guardians are not able to certify to the District that their student is subject to an approved home study program, the absent student shall be considered subject to the District's attendance procedures. The parents or guardians of resident home study students shall complete a District enrollment form if they wish to terminate the homes study program and resume in school learning.

Resident home study students shall be eligible to participate in the following District academic and other activities:

1. Academic, co-curricular, athletic and extracurricular activities.
2. Academic courses, so long as they do not constitute more than 40% of the home study student's core curriculum. Core curriculum includes basic communication skills, reading and writing, use of numbers/math, history/citizenship/government, the natural sciences, English, and American and other literature.
3. Flexible pathways curriculum.
4. Dual enrollment college courses.
5. Early college programs.