

## HOME SCHOOLING

The Board of Education, acting in compliance with the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, reaffirms the right of resident parents who wish to instruct their children at home to fulfill their responsibilities under the New York State Compulsory Attendance Laws. The Board of Education declares its intention to achieve a balance between the rights of parents to provide required instruction at home and the responsibility of school authorities to assure that school age children receive instruction substantially equivalent to that provided in the Patchogue-Medford Schools.

The superintendent of schools, or his/her designee, will take the following actions when parents wish to educate their children at home because of religious, philosophical or medical reasons:

- A. Counsel parents about the merits of enrolling their children in the Patchogue-Medford public schools.
- B. Issue to parents the relevant Commissioner's Regulations and The State Education Department supplied forms with which a parent may submit an Individualized Home Instruction Plan.
- C. Upon request from the parent provide assistance to prepare required educational plans.
- D. Notify parents of plan compliance or give written notice to parents of deficiencies which cause the plan to be rejected.
- E. Allow parents to appeal to the Board of Education when the superintendent of schools rejects the educational plans submitted by the parents.
- F. Monitor the educational plan by requiring a report from the parent.
- G. Upon parental request issue textbooks and standardized tests which may be found on official listings approved by the Board of Education.
- H. When a student who is receiving home schooling wishes to enroll in a Patchogue-Medford school, the student's class placement will be determined after analysis of standardized tests administered to the student by a designee of the superintendent of schools.

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