ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
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HOMESCHOOLING REQUIREMENT OVERVIEW

1. Submit a Letter of Intent to Home School Office by July 1 or within 14 days of starting homeschooling once the school year has begun. This must be done every year. Please include age and address verification.

2. Fill out the Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) form by Aug 15, or within four weeks of the receipt of the Letter of Intent from the school district (whichever is later). This must contain:
    - the child's name, age, and grade level
    - a list of syllabi, curriculum materials, textbooks, or a plan of instruction.
    - dates for submission of quarterly reports, and
    - the names of the persons providing the instruction and administering year-end assessments.
3. Maintain records of attendance (180 days) and hours (900 for k-6; 990 for 7-12)

4. File quarterly reports (4 per year) providing details of:
    - number of hours of instruction during the quarter
    - a description of the materials covered in each subject
    - a grade or narrative evaluation in each subject and a written explanation if less than 80% of that quarter's material, in any subject, was covered.

5. File an Annual Assessment with the last quarterly report due on June 30. You cannot change this last date because the school year ends June 30th. For grades 1-3, a written narrative may be used. In grades 4-8, the written narrative may be used every other year, with a New York State approved standardized achievement test given the alternate year. For grades 9-12 an Annual Assessment must be submitted with the 4th quarter report. The Annual Assessment does not take the place of the 4th Quarter Report. Both must be submitted to comply.
   The parent may choose one of the following standardized tests:
    - Iowa Test of Basic Skills
    - California Achievement Test
    - Stanford Achievement Test
    - Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills
    - Metropolitan Achievement Test
    - NYS Assessment Tests
    - NYS Regents Exam

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES K-6

In New York State, homeschooled students in grades K-6 must receive instruction in the following required subjects:

1. Math
2. Reading
3. Spelling
4. Writing
5. English Language
6. Geography
7. United States History
8. Science
9. Health Education
10. Music
11. Visual Arts
12. Physical Education
13. Bilingual Education or English as a Second Language (where student needs indicate)
14. Fire and Arson Prevention and Safety Education
15. Highway Safety and Traffic Regulation including Bicycle Safety

For grades K-6, there are no specific hourly requirements for each subject, but instruction must be "substantially equivalent" to that provided in public schools.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 7-8

In Grades 7-8 in New York State, all the K-6 requirements continue to apply, with these additional subjects required:

1. Practical Arts
2. Technology Education
3. Library Skills
4. NYS and US History
5. NYS and US Constitution
6. Patriotism and Citizenship

The key differences for grades 7-8 include:

1. Unit of Study Requirements:
    - English (2 units)
    - Math (2 units)
    - Science (2 units)
    - Social Studies (2 units)
    - Physical Education (regular basis)
    - Health (0.5 units)
    - Art (0.5 units)
    - Music (0.5 units)
    - Practical Arts (can include Technology Education)
    - Library Skills

2. More specific time requirements apply at this level - a unit is defined as 6,480 minutes of instruction per year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 9 - GRADE 12:

T*he units required herein are cumulative requirements for grades 9 through 12.*

English (four units)-recommended to take 1 per year

Social Studies (four units) -recommended to take 1 per year

one unit of American History
one-half unit in participation in government
one- half unit of economics

Mathematics (two units)

Science (two units)

Art and/or Music (one unit)

Health Education (one-half unit)

Physical Education (two units)

Three units of electives (Courses of your choice)

Please Note:

1. Students who are home schooled throughout 12 grade do not receive a high school diploma from New York State. If desired, they may take the GED exam. They will receive a letter of completion if they have met all the state requirements.

2. The Romulus Central School District is not required to supply textbooks or materials when you choose to home-school your child.

3. Your reports are very important. Verification of Home Schooling cannot be given if your child's program is not in complete compliance with these guidelines. This means we must have on record the Letter of Intent, IHIP, quarterly reports, and narrative/final assessment as specified. We cannot give you a letter of compliance for working papers/transfer to a school if you have missing information. All reports should be returned on time.