

# Home Education Plan

Newton, Massachusetts

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*This template is provided to assist families in preparing a Home Education Plan for submission to Newton Public Schools. All home education programs must be approved by the district, prior to the start of instruction, and must meet Massachusetts requirements for thoroughness and efficiency.*

## Student Information

- Student Name(s):
- Date(s) of Birth:
- Grade Level(s):
- Home Address:

## Parent/Guardian Information

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

## Home Education Plan Details

### Type and Duration of Home Education

Please indicate the type of home education being requested:

Full-Year Home Education

Partial-Year Home Education

If partial-year, **(at least 4 consecutive days or more)** please provide:

Anticipated Start Date:

Anticipated End Date:

Note: Sporadic dates for a home education program will not be approved.

### Reason for Home Education

**(Required for Partial-Year Requests)**

*Please briefly state the reason for pursuing home education for all or part of the school year (for example, extended family travel, participation in a student program, medical or personal circumstances, or other educational reasons).*

### Instructor Information

Please identify the individual(s) providing instruction:

- Name(s):
- Relationship to Student:

*Briefly describe the academic background, life experiences, or other relevant qualities of the instructor(s) as they relate to the proposed educational program. (Home educators are not required to be certified teachers or to hold diplomas or degrees.)*

## Educational Program Overview

*Provide an overview of the instructional program for the student(s). The plan should enable the student to make adequate progress in the areas identified by Massachusetts as essential.*

## *Subjects and/or Content Areas*

*List the subject areas to be taught (for example: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Arts, Physical Education, or other subjects as appropriate).*

## *Instructional Materials and Resources*

*Describe the instructional materials and resources that will be used (for example: textbooks, online programs, curriculum packages, projects, community resources).*

## *Methods of Instruction*

*Describe how instruction will be delivered (for example: direct instruction, project-based learning, experiential learning, online coursework, independent study).*

## Instructional Schedule and Hours

### *Duration and Frequency of Instruction*

*Describe the general schedule, including the frequency and duration of instruction (for example: number of days per week and hours per day).*

### *Instructional Hours Statement*

Massachusetts State Law requires a minimum of:

- 900 hours per school year for elementary students
- 990 hours per school year for secondary students

**For partial-year home education**, instructional hours are prorated based on the length of time the student is educated at home. Please indicate:

Total instructional hours planned for this home education period:  
Full-year requirement met  
Prorated requirement met (partial-year)

## Evaluation and Progress Reporting

*Describe the method of evaluation and progress reporting that will be used. This method must be mutually agreeable and should correspond to the type and duration of the educational program.*

Progress reporting should include:

- A summary of learning, and
- One or two work samples that demonstrate understanding of a concept

Families may also submit progress reports from any online program in which the student is enrolled.

## End-of-Year or End-of-Period Assessment

*At the conclusion of the approved home education period, families must submit an end-of-year assessment or progress report that is consistent with the evaluation method described above.*

***This assessment is due 30-days after the end of the academic year for full year home education students, or within two-weeks of return for partial year students.***

Please indicate the type of assessment that will be submitted:

- Narrative progress report with work samples
- Online program progress report
- Other (please describe):

## Parent/Guardian Signature

### Acknowledgements

By submitting this Home Education Plan, the parent(s) or guardian(s) acknowledge that:

- Home instruction will not begin until written approval is issued by Newton Public Schools.
- The educational program will be conducted as described and may be adjusted to meet the student's needs without further notification to the superintendent's office.
- A progress report or assessment will be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the approved home education period.
- Submission of the progress report is required before approval of any future home education requests.

*The parent/guardian affirms that this home education program will provide regular and thorough instruction as required by Massachusetts law. The parents/guardians are of competent ability and good morals. (Charles 339) Our homeschool program meets the standards set forth in care and protection of Charles.*

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date: