



**Policy 5112.20: Home-based Students - Participation and Access Guidelines for
Home-based Private School and ESA Students**

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Wyoming law permits the establishment of a home-based educational program provided to the child by the child's parents or legal guardian or by a person designated by the parent or legal guardian

Home-based educational programs shall meet the requirements of a basic academic program pursuant to the Wyoming Statutes 21-4-101(a)(vi). It shall be the responsibility of every person administering a home-based educational program to ensure the curriculum meets these requirements and is provided to students in the program. A basic academic educational program is one that provides a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science.

Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge over any child who has not met the compulsory attendance requirements in W.S. 21-4-102(a) must notify the school district of enrolling that child in a home-based educational program in accordance with W.S. 21-4-102(c). It shall not be the function of the school district to make any judgment about curriculum content.

If a home-based student registers to enter/re-enter a GCSD#1 school, the district regards home-based educational programs as non-accredited schools and reserves the right to require appropriate testing or to use any other means it deems appropriate for placement in a grade level of any student entering the district's schools.

Goshen County School District, in regards to Education Savings Accounts (ESA), is not an Education Service Provider (ESP). Families who choose to access an Education Savings Account (ESA) will not be eligible to take K-12 courses or enroll in dual or concurrent enrollment courses through Goshen County School District while participating in the ESA program. However, students may still be eligible to participate in district activities in accordance with Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) rules and district policies. Any fee charged to a Goshen County School District student for participation in activities will also apply to home-based and ESA participants.

The district will accept the partial enrollment of students receiving funding through an Education Savings Account, provided the enrollment is funded through Average Daily Membership (ADM) by the Wyoming Department of Education and the State of Wyoming. This practice is consistent with the district's historical approach of including home-based or nonpublic school students in ADM prior to the establishment of Education Savings Accounts. In cases where the district is not required to become an Education Service Provider under ESA program rules, tuition for individual courses will be calculated using the out-of-state tuition rate as the basis. For example, if a student enrolls in one class as part of an eight-period day, the tuition charged would equal one-eighth of the district's annual per-student out-of-state tuition rate.



Administrative Regulation 5112.20-AR(1): Home-based Students - Participation and Access Guidelines for Home-based Private School and ESA Students - Administrative Regulation 1 Education Savings Account (ESA)

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Parents or guardians of children between the ages of 7 and 16 or who have not completed the 10th grade who wish to operate a home-based educational program shall be subject to the following district procedures:

1. Submit a Home-Based, Private School, and ESA Intent Form to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Central Administration Office, 626 West 25th Avenue, Torrington, WY 82240.
2. Parents or guardians shall provide the names, grades, and ages of students to receive home-based education and parent/ guardian address and contact information.
3. Re-entry of children from a home-based education program into the regular educational program shall be based upon evidence of the student's progress and achievement. The district reserves the right to determine grade placement as evidenced by standardized achievement testing and/or any other testing the school deems necessary to determine grade and program placement.
4. Any special education services for students with disabilities requested by the home-based school shall be provided in accordance with district policy.
5. Information on the home-based educational program shall be available in the office at each attendance center.
6. Home-based students will be placed in a grade or awarded credits (9-12) on the basis of approved agency transcripts only.
7. A student may access public school classes in combination with home-based instruction and private school education, provided they are not participating in the ESA program and the private school is a brick-and-mortar institution physically located within the boundaries of the Goshen County School District.
8. Wyoming High School Activities Association eligibility rules will be followed for participation in extra-curricular activities. Home-based students who participate in ESA will not be eligible to participate in activities that require course enrollment i.e. FFA, All-State music/band/choir, etc.



**Exhibit 5112.20-E(1): Home-based Students - Participation and Access
Guidelines for Home-based Private School and ESA Students - Exhibit 1 Intent
Form**

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GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1
Home-Based, Private School, and ESA Participation Intent Form

School Year: _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN OF COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE (as defined by WS 21-4-102(b)) *any child who is a resident of this state and whose seventh birthday falls on or before September 15 of any year and who has not yet attained his sixteenth birthday or completed the tenth grade who will participate in a home-based program.*

STUDENT NAME	AGE	GRADE LEVEL	NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL	EDUCATION PARTICIPATION CHOICE CODE HB or PS	FILING WITH STATE OF WY FOR ESA? YES or NO

HB = home-based

PS = private school

DEFINITIONS:

- Education Savings Account (ESA) participation:
 - A student participating in the ESA program is not considered to have exited to home or private schooling. As referenced in W.S. 21-2-904 “An ESA student receiving individualized instruction in a non-school setting shall not be construed to be a student of a home-based educational program.”
- Home-based education:
 - W.S. 21-4-101 (v) “A home-based educational program means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child’s parent or legal guardian or by a person designated by the parent or legal guardian;”
 - W.S. 21-4-102 (b) [as modified 7/1/2025] “A home-based educational program shall meet the requirements of a basic academic educational program pursuant to W.S. 21-4-101(a)(vi). It shall be the responsibility of every person administering a home-based educational program to ensure a curriculum is administered to pupils in the program that complies with the requirements of this subsection.”
- Private school education:
 - Includes students exiting to brick-and-mortar or virtual schools. Enrollment in a private virtual school is not home schooling. Students enrolled in a virtual school program offered through a Wyoming school district are Wyoming public school students.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgements

- 1) I have received a written copy of GCSD#1 District Policy 5112.20 and administrative regulations and exhibits.

- 2) To identify the correct home-based education for my child(ren), I have read and understand the differences between ESA participation, home school, and private school provided in this document and GCSD#1 District Policy 5112.20, administrative regulation, and exhibits.
- 3) I understand that I am responsible for contacting the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) for information about, registering for, and any transactions related to my child's educational savings account, and understand that GCSD#1 cannot register any student for an ESA.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature indicates receipt of this form only by GCSD#1:

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Date
Goshen County Schools

This form must be filed annually for each child.

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**GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL & HOME-BASED EDUCATION PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL
PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

Each nonpublic school and home-based educational program located in Goshen County School District No. 1, eligible to participate in federal flow-through projects, must complete this form. An eligible nonpublic school or home-based educational program is one that is serving school-aged children and is not participating in an ESA.

- ☐ **I am aware** that the U.S. Education Department General Administrative Regulations, 34 CFR 76.605 – 76.662, require that sub-grantees shall provide students enrolled in private or home schools with an opportunity for equitable participation. No funds can be paid directly to the private or home school. If we participate, we will keep such records and make such reports as may be required for program audit.
- ☐ I have been contacted as to my desire to participate in the programs listed.
- ☐ I was given the opportunity to become involved in the systematic planning, design, and implementation of this project.
- ☐ I have scheduled a consultation with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and/or the Director of Special Services on _____ (date), and wish to participate in:

Please Check:

- ☐ IDEA, Individuals with Disabilities Act
- ☐ Title I-A, Program for Disadvantaged
- ☐ Title II-A, Teacher Quality
- ☐ Title IV, Tech Infrastructure, Safe & Healthy Schools, Well-Rounded Education
- ☐ Carl D. Perkins, Vocational and Technical Education Act

Signature of Private/Home-Based Education Official _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Date: _____

Director of Special Services Date: _____

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