

IHBG - HOME EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

Category: R

See also JEA, JG, JH

Eligibility

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board recognizes the right of parents to pursue home education within the parameters RSA 193-A and other applicable state laws and regulations.

Enrollment Procedures

Any parent commencing a home education program for a child who withdraws from the School District shall notify the New Hampshire Department of Education, the superintendent, or a non-public school within five (5) business days of commencing the home education program. Such notification shall include the names, addresses and birth dates of all children who are participating in the home education program. If notice is provided to the superintendent, he/she will acknowledge receipt of notification within fourteen (14) days.

State attendance laws and District attendance policies shall apply to all students within the District until the commissioner of education and the superintendent, of a non-public school receives notice from a student's parent/guardian of the commencement of a home education program, consistent with the requirements of RSA 193-A:5.

Evaluation Procedures

Consistent with HB 1571:

- Parents are required to keep a portfolio of student work. Such portfolio shall be preserved by the parent for 2 years from the date of ending instruction.
- Parents shall provide for an annual evaluation. A certified teacher or a teacher currently in a nonpublic school who is selected by the parent shall evaluate the child's education progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the parent or child.
- The child shall take any national student achievement test.
- The child shall take a state student assessment test used by the resident district.
- The child shall be evaluated using any other valid measurement tool mutually agreed upon by the parent and the commissioner of education, resident district superintendent or nonpublic school principal.
- The parent shall maintain a copy of the evaluation.

Re-enrollment into the School District

Parents deciding to re-enroll their children into the School District following a period of home education will make arrangements with the superintendent for an evaluation to determine appropriate placement in the District's program. Placements will be consistent with the School Board policy governing student placements (NHSBA Sample Policy JG) and are subject to the

same appeal process.

Parents should be attentive that when re-enrolling a student, there may be discrepancies between the home schooling level of achievement and the scope and sequence of the District's curriculum.

Graduation/Diplomas

The School Board will not award certificates or diplomas to home educated student. Students must enter the regular school program and complete all necessary graduation requirements of the District and the state to be eligible for a certificate or diploma.

Participation in School Curricular and Co-curricular Activities

Consistent with RSA 193:1-c, any regulations developed by the superintendent shall not be more restrictive for non-public or home educated pupils than they are for students enrolled in the District.

Legal References:

RSA 193-A, Home Education

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

RSA 193:1-a, Dual Enrollment

RSA 193:1-c, Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic or Home Educated Pupils

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 315, Procedures for the Operation of Home Education Programs

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