

**SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING)**

From time to time, parents will choose to instruct their children at home. Although New York State law does not recognize home schools as private elementary or secondary schools, the School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home schooling for their children realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

**Provision of Services to Home-Instructed Students**

They are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school or the District.

a) Extracurricular Participation

District Does Not Allow

Students instructed at home are *not* eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. Further, the District *does not* permit home-instructed students to participate in any extracurricular activities.

b) Textbooks and Materials

District Does Not Provide

The District *shall not* provide textbooks and other materials to home-instructed students.

c) Health Services

The School District is *not required* to furnish health services.

d) Remedial Programs

The District *is not responsible* for providing remedial programs.

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The District is *not authorized* to provide Occupational and Vocational Education programs (career and technical education) nor programs for the Gifted to home-instructed students.

f) Special Education Services

The District is not authorized to provide individualized education program (IEP) services to home-instructed students as home schools are not recognized in New York State as private elementary or secondary schools pursuant to Section 3602-c of the Education Law.

While the Public School District may not provide special education services to students that are home schooled, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) of the Public School District must, if parental consent is obtained, conduct an individual evaluation of a home schooled student who is suspected of having a disability and develop an IEP for such child, which would be the District's offer of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student if the parents choose to enroll their child in a public or private school. However, the parents of a home schooled student may refuse consent to an initial evaluation and, if they do so or if they do not respond to a request for such consent, the School District may not seek to compel the parent to have their child evaluated to determine eligibility for special education services.

g) Use of School Facilities

## District Does Not Allow

Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in Policies #3270 -- Community Use of School Facilities and #3271 -- Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment.

Education Law Sections 3204, 3205, 3210(2), 3212(2), 3240-42, 3602-c and 4402

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 100.10, 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(b)(2) and 200.2(a)

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