

SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING)

From time to time, parents will choose to instruct their children at home. 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 StudentsRegarding 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) They 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. ~~However, at the option of the District, they may participate in intramural and other school sponsored club activities. The School District does permit home instructed students to participate in such extracurricular activities.~~
- b) The District is not required to loan available textbooks and other materials (e.g., library materials, microscopes, computer software, movie projectors). However, the District ~~shall~~ may provide such textbooks and other materials to the extent available to home-instructed students.
- c) The School District is not required to furnish health services.
- d) The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.
- e) 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.

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- f) Solely for the purpose of Education Law Section 3602-c, home-instructed students with disabilities are deemed to be students enrolled in and attending a non-public school, which enables them to receive special education services, as well as to be included for computation of state aid for such education by the District.

The Committee on Special Education (CSE) will develop an Individualized Education Services Program (IESP) for the student. The IESP shall be developed in the same manner and with the same content as an IEP. The Board of Education will determine a location where special education services are to be provided to a home-instructed student. This location may, but is not required to be, in the student's home.

- g) Students instructed at home shall be allowed to use school facilities provided that there is mutual agreement on the part of all involved parties.

h) Upon evidence that a student is enrolling in the district in the following year, the student will be able to transition by participating in extra-curricular activities.

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