

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

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.

Students instructed at home may participate in intramural and other school sponsored club activities at the discretion of the Board of Education as long as participation by a home-instructed student does not preclude an enrolled Tully Central School District student from participating in said intramural or club activity.

b) Textbooks and Materials

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

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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.

e) Career and Technical/Gifted Education

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

Home-instructed students *may not participate* in the instructional program of the School District except for special education programs and services the District is required to offer.

The District *shall offer* a home-instructed student with disabilities the special education services as addressed in the approved Individualized Education Program (IEP) by the Committee on Special Education. *However, there is no requirement that such services be provided in the student's home.* Further, the District shall conduct a census and register of students with disabilities who reside in the District in accordance with Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

g) Use of School Facilities

Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in Policy #3280 -- Community Use of School Facilities.

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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