

Procedure for Educating Your Child at Home

The District has established the following requirements and limitations to home education.

Participating in School

Students who are excused from attendance at school by reason of home education will be deemed to have withdrawn from enrollment in the district during the period of home education. If the home school has met the reporting requirements of the state:

A. Your child may participate in certain activities not associated with the core curriculum such as band, physical education, driver education, art and vocational education, and be eligible for auxiliary services;

- A1. The first priority requirement is class size. If a class is full in the fall - enrolled students would be given 1st choice.
- A2. Students are required to enroll at the beginning of the semester.

B. If a student is also enrolled as a student in the District for non core curriculum courses they can participate in school sponsored athletic programs. ***Athletic eligibility will be determined by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. They must be enrolled in four (4) of seven classes in the district.***

C. ***If a student is not enrolled in any of the District's non core curriculum courses, she/he may not participate in any of the non-curricular activities for students.*** If your home school has not met the reporting requirements of the State, your child may not participate in any District programs or school activities.

Assessment

The district strongly recommends that you maintain a record of your child's education program, including assessment of their academic progress as the information will be very important should you wish to enroll your child. Such a record should include:

- a. resources and books used in the course;
- b. course of study completed;
- c. the number of hours devoted to each course of study;
- d. a portfolio of work done;
- e. examples of tests and test scores;
- f. standardized test scores demonstrating your child's ability.
- g. certification and qualifications of the person(s) providing instruction.

If your home school has met the reporting requirements of the State, your child will be permitted to take the MEAP and other appropriate achievement/ability tests normally given by the District. This will be done cost free but must be done during the regular testing cycle. It is your responsibility to make the appropriate arrangements with the school principal. The district will not pay for any standardized testing of students not enrolled in this school district. Your child may take tests such as the PSAT, Plan, etc., normally given at the high school at the same cost charged to high school students.

Re-Enrollment in Public School

If you wish to have your child return to a school in this district, you must follow normal enrollment guidelines. The following conditions will apply to determine the appropriate grade placement which will be made by the school principal and appropriate staff. Tests may be given to determine if credit will be awarded or graduation requirements waived. The school will determine the appropriate grade level and credits earned.

Placement will be based upon:

Kindergarten through Grade 8:

- A. An affidavit being signed by parents and supervising teacher that instruction was provided under the direct supervision of a certified teacher and that the required number of hours and days were met each school year.
- B. The information gained from the academic assessment given by the district; (A four [4] week advance notice is needed to review the assessment report to make proper grade and subject placement.)

Grades 9 through 12:

- A. An affidavit being signed by parents and supervising teacher that instruction was provided under the direct supervision of a certified teacher and that the required number of hours and days were met each school year.
- B. To enter the high school, you will need to provide an academic assessment report for each course taught in the home school.
- C. Placement into a grade (e.g. 10th) and subject (e.g. English) will be made according to:
 - 1) appropriate age;
 - 2) the results of the review of the academic assessment report you may submit; and
 - 3) the results of the assessments the high school will do to determine what knowledge and skills your child possesses and at what level of proficiency.

Students who re-enroll in the district must also meet the requirements of a new student entering the district.

- Athletic eligibility will be determined by Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Students can only enroll at the beginning of each semester.

All home-based, private education courses will be given a grade of P/F (pass/fail) and transcripts denote “home-education, private education” with “P/F grades” and “credits” assigned. All credits will be shown as home schooling. Courses requiring special equipment or facilities may not be granted credit nor waived from graduation requirements.

Your child’s grade point average will be established after he/she has completed four consecutive semesters of attendance at the high school. To be eligible for awards such as Valedictorian or Salutatorian, Distinguished Scholar, Michigan Academic Scholarship, etc., your child must be enrolled for five consecutive semesters prior to the second semester of the senior year.

If your child wishes to graduate from the district high school, she/he must meet the requirements specified in the Board of Education’s policy on graduation and the high school’s graduation guidelines. If your child will be seeking a State-endorsed diploma, she/he must pass the State proficiency tests and meet other requirements of the State.

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