

## Instruction

**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 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 District's Superintendent in which a home-instructed student resides.

Parents/Guardians who wish to educate their children at home must submit to the District an individual home instruction plan (IHIP), outlining the educational goals to be met and the course materials and syllabi to be used each year for the child's learning process. The District may accept or deny an IHP. Parents/Guardians must submit quarterly reports which will provide the District with the necessary information to make determinations of substantial equivalency and competency of instruction on an ongoing basis.

Parents/Guardians may appeal to the Board of Education a determination by the Superintendent of Schools or designee that an IHIP is not in compliance with the Regulations of the Commission of Education. Parents/Guardians shall have the right to appeal the final determination of the Board to the Commissioner of Education within 30 days of receipt of such determination.

**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: The District does not allow students instructed at home to participate in credit-bearing activities, interscholastic or intramural sports, or any extracurricular activities.
- b) Textbooks and Materials: The District shall not provide textbooks and other materials to home-instructed students.
- c) Health Services: The District is not required to furnish health services.
- d) Remedial Programs: The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.

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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: A student with an IHIP, who is a resident of the District and has a disability, or is suspected of having a disability, is eligible to receive services from the District in accordance with the law, regulation and District Policy (Policy 7610 and Policy 7611). A parent/guardian must request special education services in writing to the Board by June 1, unless the child is first identified or moves into the District after June 1. In that case, the parent/guardian must request the services within 30 days of being identified or of moving into the District.

Special education services will be provided on an equitable basis compared to programs and services provided to other students with disabilities attending public or nonpublic schools within the District. The Board will determine the location where services will be available to home-schooled students.

g) Use of School Facilities: Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in accordance with 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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