

## Concord School District Policy #620

### Home Education

#### **Eligibility**

The Board recognizes the right of parents/guardians of resident students to pursue home education for students between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age within the parameters of state law and Department of Education administrative rules.

#### **Enrollment Procedures**

Any parent commencing a home education program for a child who resides in, or moves into, the Concord School District shall notify the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education, the Superintendent, or a principal of a non-public school within five (5) business days of commencing the home education program. Such notification shall include the names, addresses and birth dates of all children who are participating in the home education program. If notice is provided to the Superintendent, he/she will acknowledge receipt of notification within fourteen (14) days.

State attendance laws and District attendance policies shall apply to all students within the District until the commissioner of education, the Superintendent, or principal of a non-public school receives notice from a student's parent/guardian of the commencement of a home education program, consistent with the requirements of RSA 193-A:5.

#### **Evaluation Procedures**

Parents must maintain a portfolio of records and materials relative to the home education program and must provide for an annual evaluation documenting the child's demonstration of educational progress at a level commensurate with the child's age and ability, in accordance with RSA 193-A:6 and NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 315.

Parents requesting that their home-educated child participate in State assessments within the School District must notify the Superintendent, or his/her designee, in writing at the time of the notification to commence a home education program and annually by September 1. In this case the Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall allow the home-educated child to participate in State assessments and will notify building administrators accordingly.

#### **Re-Enrollment into the School District**

Parents must notify the Superintendent within 15 days of the termination of the home education program and shall promptly enroll their children with the District or in a State of NH-approved private school. The Superintendent shall acknowledge receipt of notification within 14 days of such receipt.

Parents deciding to re-enroll their children into the school district following a period of home education will make arrangements with the building principal for a process to determine appropriate placement in the District's program. Placements will be consistent with

any School Board policies and/or District procedures governing student placements for all students and are subject to the same appeal process.

### **Use of District Instructional Curriculum**

Upon a parent's/guardian's request to the principal of the school the student would normally attend, the principal will provide available curriculum information including grade level/subject/course standards and objectives, information about textbooks and instructional materials used by the school, and other relevant information to describe the content of grade level/subject/course for the parent(s)/guardian(s). Copies of documents in excess of 10 pages will be provided at cost.

If available, textbooks and other instructional materials used by the school will be loaned to parent(s)/guardian(s) on request. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any loss or damage.

### **Participation in District Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities**

A resident student who is on an approved home education program may participate in Concord School District curricular and co-curricular activities on a pre-approved basis provided the following conditions are met:

1. The home education students must meet the same requirements for participation and adhere to the same rules and timelines as other Concord School District students. The principal shall determine whether these requirements have been met and his/her decision shall be final.
2. Students who enter district schools while on a home education program will be placed in classes and activities as determined by the building principal.

The District shall not be responsible for providing transportation for any student on a home education program.

### **High School Students/Graduation**

The School Board will not award a diploma to home-educated students. A parent/guardian must terminate the home education program, enroll the student at Concord High School and the student must complete all necessary graduation requirements to be eligible for a diploma.

When a home schooled student transfers into the high school, the principal will determine the number of credits, if any, that will apply toward a high school diploma.

Students may be asked to demonstrate their competency in a curriculum area by taking and achieving a set score on an appropriate assessment or evaluation tool (for example, final examination of a course).

### **Students with Educational Disabilities**

Students with educational disabilities who are home educated and/or who participate in Concord public schools per this policy shall be placed on "Childfind" status. Childfind status means that the school district must annually notify the student/parents(s) of their rights to

services but the district bears no responsibility for providing special education services. The student's right to a free appropriate public education is waived.

Students who are home educated may be referred, evaluated and/or reevaluated if currently identified as educationally disabled for special education services. Referrals should be made to the Superintendent or to the principal of the school where the student would normally attend.

Legal References:

RSA 193-A:5, RSA 193-A:6, NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 315

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