

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

The law requires that the Board of Education ensure that children instructed at home are taught by a competent instructor and receive an education substantially equivalent to that offered in the District's schools.

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 IHIP. Parents/Guardians must submit quarterly reports and an annual assessment with the fourth quarterly report, 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 a determination by the Superintendent of Schools or designee that an IHIP is not in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner 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.

Special Education

A student with an IHIP, who is a resident of the school District and has a disability, or is suspected of having a disability, is eligible to receive services from the school District, in accordance with law, regulation and District policy 4211. A parent/guardian must request special education services in writing to the Board by June 1st, unless the child is first identified or moves into the District after June 1st. 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 District will determine the location where services will be available to home schooled students.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Students instructed at home by their parents are not permitted to participate in District activities or use District facilities, other than as permitted under District policy 1500, Public Use of School Facilities. In accordance with policy 1500, students who are home-schooled and want to participate in District activities, must be vaccinated if they are to be on District premises.

Instructional Materials

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to loan instructional materials, if available, to students receiving home instruction. The Superintendent or their designee shall determine the availability of resources and develop appropriate procedures.

Cross-ref: Public Use of School Facilities (1500)
 Students with Disabilities (4202)
 Least Restrictive Environment (4211)
 Student Health Services (5420)

Ref: Education Law §§ 3204(2); 3210(2)(d); 3602-c (2-c)
 Public Health Law § 2164 (as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019)

8 NYCRR §§ 100.10; 135.1; 135.4

Appeal of Ponte, 41 EDR 174 (2001)

Matter of Abookire, 33 EDR 473 (1994)

State Education Department Memorandum, “New Requirements for the Provision of Special Education Services to Home-Instructed (“Home-Schooled”) Students, July 2008

State Education Department Memorandum, “Home Instruction Questions and Answers,”

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/homeinstruction/homeschoolingqanda.html>, Sept. 2016

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