#### Instruction

#### **Home Schooling**

#### **Statutory Authority**

The Board of Education recognizes the right of parents to educate their children at home in accordance with Connecticut General Statues and regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education. Parents must file with the Superintendent of Schools a Notice of Intent form which provides basic information about the program to be provided for their child. A Notice of Intent must be filed annually. A Notice of Intent is not required for any child younger than seven years, nor any child older than sixteen.

Children educated at home are considered to be non-public school students and are not part of the system's educational responsibility or school system. Students who are home schooled and therefore not registered in the District, do not take part in school activities or sports, and are not provided special education or related services.

If decisions are made by parents or guardians to return children who for a time have been educated at home to local schools, school staff shall provide an appropriate return to the public schools. This process may necessitate the administration of appropriate academic assessments to determine grade and class placement, or the assignment of credits at the high school level.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of Parents

10-1842 Special education programs not required for children in home or private schools

10-220 Duties of Board of Education

Policy Adopted:

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## **Home Schooling Regulation**

## Procedures Concerning Requests from Parents to Educate Their Child at Home

Compliance with the following procedures will satisfy the statutory requirements for home instruction:

- 1. Parents shall file with the Superintendent of Schools a Notice of Intent, Instruction of Student at Home form. A Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one school year.
- 2. Filing of a Notice of Intent must occur within ten days of the start of the home instructional program.
- 3. The school district will receive the Notice of Intent, check it for completeness and keep it as part of the school's permanent record. A complete form will be one which provides basic program information including the name(s) of teachers(s), the subjects to be taught, the days of instruction, and the teacher's methods of assessment.
- 4. A parent, by filing a Notice of Intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education or their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a Notice of Intent in no way constitutes approval by the school district of the content of effectiveness of a program of home instruction.
- 5. Refusal by the parent to comply with the request of the school district for completion and filing of the Notice of Intent may cause the child to be considered truant.
- 6. The school district should not accept or require a Notice of Intent for any child younger than seven (7) years or older than sixteen (16) years. If a parent chooses to delay the start of school for a child five or six years old, then an Option to Exempt form must be completed. This form may be obtained from the Superintendent's office.

Students who are home schooled and therefore not registered in the District, are not eligible to participate in school activities or sports, and are not provided special education or related services.

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# HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Hamden, Connecticut



# NOTICE OF INTENT FOR HOME-SCHOOLING

Name of Student:		
Address:		
Student's Date of Birth:		
Name of Parent:		
Address:		
Telephone Number:		

I acknowledge and accept full responsibility for the education of my child in accordance with the requirements of state law.

Parent Signature

Date