

Instruction

Home Schooling

Purpose:

The General Laws of Rhode Island require that the Narragansett School Committee shall approve home schooling only when it complies with designated requirements.

Parent Procedures:

Parents choosing to educate their child/children at home will notify the Superintendent of Schools by sending an initial letter of intent to that office which will minimally include name, grade level, and start date of the home school program. The Superintendent may forward that letter of intent to the School Committee for approval of the home schooling program. Such notice should be submitted far enough in advance to allow the Superintendent and School Committee sufficient time to carefully review the details of the proposed home instruction program and act on such request at a regular meeting of the School Committee. Every effort shall be made to expedite the attainment of School Committee action upon request.

The notification shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements, namely:

- That the period of attendance of pupils in such private (home) instruction is substantially equal to that required by law in public schools
- That registers are kept and returned to the Principal of the appropriate Narragansett school.
- That reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, the history of the United States, the history of Rhode Island, the principles of American Government, and health and physical education shall be taught in the English language substantially to the same extent as such subjects are required to be taught in the public schools; and that the teaching of the English language and of other subjects indicated herein shall be thorough and efficient. (RI General Laws).

As a minimum, the following regulations must be followed in the home schooling of students in Narragansett:

1. The person responsible for the instruction of the student shall maintain a register identifying his attendance or absence from instruction on a daily basis for a total period of time during the course of the school year that is substantially equal to that required by law in public schools. Such register is to be delivered at the end of the school year to the Superintendent of Schools. Also, such register shall be made available to the Superintendent or the designee of the Superintendent at reasonable times, upon request, during the school year.
2. The School Committee requires some type of evaluation component each year that will accommodate the preferences of parents for certain mechanisms for measurement of achievement progress on a yearly basis. These mechanisms may take the form of a report card, written evaluations, dated work samples, or other means of evaluation. Annual testing or standardized testing is not required by Rhode Island General Law, but may be

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used as a type of evaluation solely by choice of the parents. If standardized testing is the parental choice, the school will make arrangements accordingly to meet the parents' satisfaction, so that the standardized testing may take place.

3. Home school participation in specific academic programs, enrollment in specific courses, participation in extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities, access to formal testing programs, and use of specific facilities of the Department is subject to the approval of the School Committee and contingent upon the understanding that approval will be guided by the following considerations:
 - a. Space remains available within the set student participation level of the program/class, etc.
 - b. New enrollments in the School Department shall have preference.
 - c. The parent provides transportation to and from the approved activity.
 - d. Students follow all rules and meet the same requirements as established for regular students, including health and other expectations.
 - e. Participation requires no direct cost to the Department.
 - f. Students wishing to participate in extra curricular activities must meet all eligibility requirements of the Rhode Island Athletic Interscholastic League and all stipulations as stated in a-f above and:
 - i. The Rhode Island Athletic Interscholastic League requirements will be made available upon request.

District Procedures:

1. The Principal will meet with the parents and forward the documents to the Superintendent, who will then review the proposed program for home schooling and recommend approval, approval with modification, or non-approval of the home instruction to the School Committee. The Principal will advise the Superintendent regarding the proposed curriculum content and appropriateness of private instruction as well as monitoring of same.
2. A report will be completed by the Principal and forwarded to the Superintendent annually regarding approved home schooling programs. Such report will serve as a basis for the Superintendent's annual review and continued approval of existing programs.
3. In the event that a parent has been approved for a year of home schooling and has followed all requirements, that parent may request renewal of the home schooling approval for the following year, with the Principal expediting the review process of the proposed program for the following year and recommending a renewal of home schooling approval to the Superintendent.

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4. In the event that the School Committee does not approve a parental intent to carry out a home school program, the Committee's decision may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education.
5. When the Committee approves the Home Schooling request, the Committee, in effect determines that the parent(s) are in compliance with the terms and conditions heretofore enumerated and that they may provide private instruction for their child.

The attached forms are provided as sample request and documentation forms for home schooling.

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Narragansett School System
Narragansett, Rhode Island

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School Committee Approval Form for Home Schooling

Date: _____ Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I, _____
(Superintendent) have reviewed the intent of the above
parent(s)/guardian(s) on _____ and am forwarding it to the School
Committee for approval.

Comments: _____

(Superintendent of Schools)

(Date)

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Statement of Compliance with Home Schooling Agreement

We, _____ parents/guardians of _____
presently living at _____

attest that:

- All mandated curriculum as described in Rhode Island Public Law 16-19-2 will be included in the home schooling program, and
- Instructional attendance records, as required by Rhode Island State Law, will be kept.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

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Home Instruction Statement of Attendance

_____ has been taught in a home schooling program
(Name of Child)

from _____ to _____
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Number of days present for instruction _____

Number of days not present for instruction _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)