

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CODE: HOME SCHOOLING

Category: INSTRUCTION

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The Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee recognizes and respects the right of parents or guardians to educate their child(ren) at home. The school committee appreciates the personal and cultural uniqueness of each family and desires to ensure that the process by which school officials approve and review home education programs is both lawful and equitable. Therefore, the school committee establishes this home education policy.

The superintendent has the responsibility for the development of the procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of this policy. Subsequent to approving Home Education documentation, the Superintendent will inform the School Committee regarding the applications and numbers of students educated at home within the District.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) planning to undertake a home education program for their child(ren) between their sixth and sixteenth birthday shall inform the superintendent by completing and submitting the Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education form (approved by the school committee) prior to commencing a home education program. The School Committee requests that these forms be received by the Superintendent prior to August 15.

Home education programs shall be considered in an equitable, objective, and timely manner. Factors that may be considered by the superintendent or school committee in deciding whether or not to approve a home education proposal are:

1. The academic background, life experiences and/or other qualities of those who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the educational program. Home educators need not be certified teachers nor have any diplomas or degrees.
2. An overview of the educational program that is to include subjects and instructional materials. In order to meet the specific educational needs of their child(ren), the parent(s) or guardian(s) may adjust the material to achieve the goals of the educational program without further notification to the superintendent's office.
3. A statement or chart concerning instructional hours that will be followed.
4. A mutually agreeable method of assessment which corresponds to the type of educational program being followed and may include one or more of the following:
 - a. Daily logs, journals, progress reports, portfolios or dated work samples
 - b. An independent report made by someone acceptable to both superintendent and parent(s) or guardian(s)
 - c. Standardized test results SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT School Committee Policy
 - d. Consultation with the superintendent or appropriate school principal
 - e. Any other method agreed to by both superintendent and home educator(s)

School Committee Policy

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Administrators are encouraged to give all due assistance to home education families in their efforts to provide appropriate information concerning their home education program. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are entitled to all due process rights with regard to this policy and with regard to any procedures followed and actions taken. During any resolution process, the parent(s) or guardian(s) may continue, but not commence, the education of their child(ren) at home.

A student being educated in a home-based program within the district may have access to public school activities of extra-curricular nature upon approval of the Superintendent.

Home education students will not be eligible for curricular/educational programs and will not be eligible to receive a high school diploma from the District.

For more information contact:

Superintendent of Schools

Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District

86 Powder Mill Road

Southwick, MA 01077

413-569-5391

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Date Received: _____

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Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education

Academic Year

Instructions: Please complete this form, attach any additional information and forward it to the Superintendent of Schools, 86 Powder Mill Road, Southwick, MA, 01077, prior to the starting date of the home education program. Expect a response to this from the Superintendent or designee within ten days. If this process is initiated during the school year, the student must remain in school until the school district and the parents agree jointly to the home education plan.

A.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____
(daytime) (evening)

Email address: _____

B. On a separate sheet, describe the instructional program to be taught, including subjects and instructional aids to be used and describe the time devoted to instruction either in narrative form or in a chart/diagram.

C. Academic background, life experience and/or qualifications of those who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the instructional program described in section

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D. Check the method of assessment to be used followed by a brief description.

☐ Daily logs, journals, progress reports, portfolios or dated work samples.

☐ An independent report made by someone acceptable to both superintendent and parent(s) or guardian(s)

☐ Standardized test results.

☐ Consultation with the superintendent or appropriate school principal.

☐ Any other method agreed to by both superintendent and home educator(s).

The following signature confirms the intent to provide a minimum of 900-990 hours of instruction.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date Submitted

The signature of the school official indicates final approval of this plan. A parent/administrative conference may be scheduled.

Signature of Superintendent or Designee

Date of Response

Attached to this application is a packet that includes the following materials:

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