



POLICY 5040
HOME SCHOOLING

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Students and families who opt for “home education” but desire to be included in some educational programs offered by public schools will be accommodated in accordance with Board regulations.

Legal Reference: The School Act, Part 2, Sections 12 - 14
School Regulation 3



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REGULATIONS

1. Parents who decide to educate their children at home but desire to be included in some educational programs offered by the Board shall, by September 30 each year, register the child at an appropriate school within the District.
2. Students who are being educated at home will be loaned educational resource material at the request of the parents. These materials are defined on the list of Authorized and Recommended Textbooks from the Minister's office.
3. Similarly students, at their parents' request, shall have available to them evaluation and assessment services sufficient to enable the parents of the child to determine the educational progress achieved by the child in relation to students of similar age and ability.
4. Students receiving their education at home may apply to the school at which they are registered to attend an educational activity offered by the school.
5. The Board delegates its authority to the Principal of the school to determine whether a home school student may attend an educational program. The Principal should consider the following issues when making this decision:
 - (a) the impact on the class/students;
 - (b) the dependence of the desired program on previous learnings or experiences;
 - (c) the impact of the desired program on the home school student's individual potential or his/her knowledge, skills and attitudes;
 - (d) the impact on the teacher.
6. A home school student shall not be eligible to participate in more than one-quarter of the total educational program of the school without paying a fee in proportion to the activity or extent of the desired program, which would be determined by the Board.
7. Notwithstanding Regulation 6, a home school student may be assessed a fee for participation in any educational program of the school if other students are being assessed a fee.
8. Support services such as learning assistance would normally be available to a registered home school student only in proportion to the extent that the student participated in an educational program of the school. That is, other than for assessment or evaluation services, if a student did not participate in educational programs of the school s/he would not be entitled to receive support services.

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