

## **HOME INSTRUCTION**

The Board of Education recognizes the right of parents/guardians to provide instruction to their children at home in lieu of having them attend a regular public or non-public school program, if they so choose. The school district will attempt to cooperate with parents/guardians who choose to instruct their children at home, realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and equivalent to that of minors of like age and attainments in the regular public school. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic and sequential manner, specifically as related to the basic curriculum of reading, writing, and mathematics.

The Superintendent is responsible for determining whether the educational program being provided at home is substantially equivalent to instruction required by New York State Education Law. In implementing the requirements for home instruction to ensure substantial equivalence of instruction, as outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations, the Superintendent is responsible for determining whether the Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP), which must be submitted by the parent/guardian, complies with those Regulations. The parent/guardian is provided with an opportunity to revise the IHIP and/or to appeal to the Board of Education in the event that the revised IHIP is found to be out of compliance.

Parents/guardians who wish to provide home instruction to their children must submit a request by filing a Notice of Intention For Home Instruction with the school district on an annual basis according to the timelines stated in Part 100.10 of the Commissioner's Regulations. It should be noted that completing a program of home instruction may not entitle a child to the same benefits as attending and graduating from a public or non-public school with a diploma.

Other than regular vocational and special education services as required by law no other services shall be provided nor permission to participate in extra curricular or co-curricular activities be allowed.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Commissioner's Regulation 100.10

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