

ENROLLMENT OF HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS

Enrollment

The school district shall enroll or re-enroll students who have been home educated without discrimination or prejudice. However, students who have been home educated shall be enrolled only on a full-time basis.

Grade Placement for Grades K-8

Based on a review of the most recent annual academic assessment report and other home education records and evaluation information, the Superintendent will place the student in the grade level requested in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.01. If the student experiences any academic problems, school personnel shall request a parental meeting to review placement and any other options.

Grade Placement for Grades 9-12

Based on a review of the most recent annual academic assessment report and other home education records and evaluation information, the Superintendent will tentatively place the student in the grade level requested in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.01, pending final determination of credits earned.

Permanent grade placement will be determined by the Superintendent in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.01, upon review of transcripts, final determination of course credits earned, and/or the results of any nationally normed, standardized achievement tests taken by the student, and a conference with the student and/or parent(s).

Approval of Credits

Credit will be granted for any course appearing on a transcript from a correspondence school recognized and accepted by the school district.

In the absence of an official transcript, credit will be granted upon the student's passing a comprehensive final exam from the previous school year for each specific course.

The school district will be responsible for providing, administering, and scoring the exam(s).

Graduation

To be eligible for graduation, the student must meet the conditions of this policy, as outlined above, and meet all other graduation requirements of the school district and the State of Ohio.

Extracurricular Activities

A home educated student, who would otherwise be assigned to the district, shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in any extracurricular activity offered by the district, at the school to which the student would be assigned, as determined by the Superintendent under O.R.C. §3319.01, based on the student's age and academic performance.

The Superintendent may afford a home educated student who is not entitled to attend school in the district the opportunity to participate in any extracurricular activity offered by the district, if the district to which the home educated student is entitled to attend does not offer that extracurricular activity.

A home educated student must be of appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the Superintendent, to participate in any extracurricular activity. Further, a home educated student must fulfill the same nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant, and must fulfill either of the following academic requirements:

- (1) If the student received home instruction in the preceding grading period, the student shall meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home instruction.
- (2) If the student did not receive home instruction in the preceding grading period, the student's academic performance during the preceding grading period must have met all academic standards for eligibility to participate in the program established by the district.

Eligibility for a student who leaves a school district mid-year for home instruction shall be determined based on an interim academic assessment issued by the district in which the student was enrolled based on the student's work while enrolled in that district.

Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time home instruction commences, ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards or any other requirements of the district shall not participate in the extracurricular activity until the student meets the academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for continuation of home instruction as verified by the Superintendent. No student shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the same semester in which the student was determined ineligible.