

HOME EDUCATION

Ohio's compulsory attendance law is designed to ensure that all children within the state receive an appropriate education. Every child of compulsory school age, who is not employed under an age and schooling certificate, must attend a school or special education program that conforms to the minimum standards prescribed by the State Board of Education, unless the child is excused from attendance by the superintendent of the city school district in which the child resides. The Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District may excuse a student from compulsory school attendance for the purpose of home education in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of O.R.C. §3321.04 and O.A.C. Chapter 3301-34.

In order to obtain an excuse from school attendance for the purpose of home education, the parent must notify the Superintendent of the desire to provide home education. The parent may utilize the Home Education Notification Form and shall provide the information required by O.A.C. 3301-34-03(A). The Superintendent will notify the parent in writing that the child is excused from school attendance for the remainder of the current school year or declare his/her intent to deny the excuse in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of O.A.C. 3301-34-03(C) and/or (D).

The Superintendent will notify the parent of his/her intent to revoke an excuse from school attendance and of the parent's right to a due process hearing in the event the Superintendent receives substantial evidence of the cessation of home education.

An excuse from school attendance will not be extended for more than the current school year, and notification in compliance with the provisions of O.A.C. 3301-34-03(A) must be provided for each subsequent school year along with an academic assessment report of the child for the previous school year.

A home schooled student may enroll or re-enroll in their school district of residence without discrimination or prejudice. The Superintendent will determine the appropriate placement of the student in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.01 by taking into consideration the child's most recent annual academic assessment report; requiring the student to take any or all of the nationally normed, standardized achievement tests that are regularly scheduled for district students of similar age; and other evaluation information that may include interviews with the student and/or parent.

The Superintendent shall afford a home schooled student the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of O.R.C. §3313.5312.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3321.04; 3313.5312; O.A.C. Chapter 3301-34

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CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME EDUCATION NOTIFICATION FORM

O.A.C. 3301-34-02 Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the rules in this chapter is to prescribe conditions governing the issuance of excuses from school attendance under O.R.C. §3321.04, to provide for the consistent application thereof throughout the state by superintendents, and to safeguard the primary right of parents to provide the education for their child(ren). Home education must be in accordance with the law.

O.A.C. 3301-34-03 Notification

A. A parent who elects to provide home education shall supply the following information to the Superintendent:

1. School year for which notification is made: _____

2. Name of parent, address, and telephone number (telephone number is optional):

PARENT NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____ STATE: _____ OHIO _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ - _____

3. Name, address and telephone number (telephone number is optional) of person(s) who will be teaching the child subjects set forth in paragraphs (A) (5) of this rule, if other than the parent:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____ STATE: _____ OHIO _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

4. Full name and birthdate of child(ren) to be educated at home:

First Name Middle Name Last Name Date of Birth (Month, Day & Year)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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5. Assurances:

- Assurance that home education will include the following**, except that home education shall not be required to include any concept, topic, or practice that is in conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs of the parent: **(a)** Language, reading, spelling, and writing; **(b)** Geography, history of the United States, and Ohio, and national, state, and local government; **(c)** Mathematics; **(d)** Science; **(e)** Health; **(f)** Physical education; **(g)** Fine arts, including music; and **(h)** First aid, safety, and fire prevention.

- Brief outline of the intended curriculum for the current year.** Such outline is for informational purposes only.

- List of (a) textbooks; (b) correspondence courses; (c) commercial curricula; or (d) other basic teaching materials** that the parent intends to use for home education. Such list is for informational purposes only.

- Assurance that the child will be provided** a minimum of nine hundred (900) hours of home education each school year.

- Assurance that the home education teacher has one of the following qualifications:** **(a)** a high school diploma; or **(b)** the certificate of high school equivalence; or **(c)** standardized test scores that demonstrate high school equivalence; or **(d)** other equivalent credential found appropriate by the Superintendent; or **(e)** lacking the above, the home teacher must work under the direction of a person holding a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college until the child's or children's test results demonstrate reasonable proficiency or until the home teacher obtains a high school diploma or the certificate of high school equivalence.

- The parent(s) shall affirm** the above information supplied with his or her signature prior to providing it to the Superintendent.

Signature of Affirmation by the Parent

Date

O.A.C. 3301-34-04 Academic Assessment

- A. The parent(s) shall send to the Superintendent an academic assessment report of the child for the **previous school year at the time of supplying subsequent notification.**
- B. The academic assessment report shall include one of the following:
1. **Results** of a nationally normed, standardized achievement test; or
 2. A written narrative **prepared by a certified teacher or a person mutually agreed upon by the parent(s) and the Superintendent, indicating that a portfolio of the child’s work has been reviewed by that person and that the progress demonstrated for the year is in accordance with the child’s abilities; or**
 3. An alternative academic assessment **mutually agreed upon by the parent and the Superintendent.**