

IHBG HOME SCHOOLING

Definition

Home school means a school conducted primarily by the parent, guardian, or other person who has custody of a child, or instruction provided in the child's home.

Enrollment after Home Schooling; Grade-Level Placement

A student who enrolls in a District kindergarten program or grades one (1) through twelve (12) after receiving instruction in a home school shall be tested by the District to determine the appropriate grade level for the educational placement of the student. Grade-level placement is dependent upon testing, District policy, and state law, but should include consideration of parental input and the age of the student. If the District places a student in a grade level that the parent/legal guardian does not feel is appropriate, the parent/legal guardian may challenge that placement in accordance with District Policy JG.

High School Course Credit

A student who enrolls in a District high school after receiving instruction in a home school may receive District high school credit toward graduation in the following situations.

- If the student has completed course work from an accredited institution, the District shall place the letter grade earned by the student in such course work in the student's District transcript.
- If the student has earned accredited correspondence course work credit, credit shall be given for such work. The limitations of District Policy IKF, pertaining to number of correspondence course work credits and subject areas, are inapplicable to home school students.

After District review of home school course work documentation, former home school students who enroll in a high school may be required to take tests to earn District high school course *credits only*. Testing for a letter grade is not permitted. A student may take an "exam for credit" only once for each subject/course. Any testing for credit will include Arizona State Board of Education competency standards.

For former home school students, school administrators may allow more than two (2) units of pass/fail credit for home school work. (Normally, only two [2] units of pass/fail per student are permissible). Administrators should inform parents/legal guardians and students that colleges and universities may have specific limitations on pass/fail credits for their admission standards.

Grade Point Averages and Class Ranking

For a former home school student to earn a District grade point average, fifty-one percent (51%) of the student's total course work must reflect a letter grade. To be eligible for class ranking, a former home school student may have no more than two (2) pass/fail (ungraded) credits.

Part-Time Enrollment

Home school students may enroll in the District's blended learning programs.

Depending upon class size and learning environment, a school principal may permit home school students to enroll in regular classes under these circumstances:

- Home school students enrolling in elementary school must enroll for one-half (1/2) day so that the district receives funding.
- Home school students enrolling in middle school must enroll in at least four (4) classes so that the district receives funding.
- Home school students enrolling in high school must enroll in at least two (2) classes so that the district receives funding.

Extracurricular or Interscholastic Activities

Home school students may participate in District extracurricular and/or interscholastic athletics at the school in which their residence would make them eligible to enroll. Home school students shall be given an opportunity to participate in tryouts for all competitive sports and extracurricular programs. However, in selection of members to a team with limited membership, preference shall be given to District students. Home school students participating in activities must meet all applicable participation requirements, including payment of the same participation or activity fee(s), if any, paid by District students.

Home school students shall not be permitted to participate in District athletics in a manner that would violate Arizona Interscholastic Association rules applicable to District students.

Home school students suspended or expelled from any school may not participate in District programs until they have completed all requirements for readmission.

Textbooks

The District will not provide textbooks to home school students.

District Library Use

When accompanied by an adult, home school students may use School District library facilities during regularly scheduled library hours and shall comply with applicable visitor policies at the school site. At the discretion of the school principal, home school students may be permitted to check out library materials on the same terms and conditions as District students.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. [15-745](#)
[15-802](#)
[15-802.01](#)
A.A.C. [R7-2-808](#)

CROSS REF.: [IKF](#) - Graduation Requirements
[JG](#) - Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Levels
[JJIB](#) - Interscholastic Sports