

**#5070.2****Assignment of Former Home-Schooled Students to Classes**

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**Entry Procedures**

When a student enters the district from home-schooled instruction, the district is required to determine the appropriate grade level and course level placement for the student. In order to make such determination when a student seeks entry, the administrator of the building will:

- contact Central Office to examine:
  - (a) the "Letter of Intent to Home School" which has been placed on file by the parent / guardian;
  - (b) the annual portfolio review(s) to determine if the student received equivalent instruction in the required courses;
- consult with the parent / guardian;
- review the permanent records of home-schooled instruction which are required to be kept by the parent / guardian, including the annual standardized test and / or annual assessment of educational progress; and
- require a placement assessment per the principal's recommendation.

Students will not be allowed "part-time" status for home-schooled instruction.

**Grade Placement Procedures:**Elementary and Middle Schools (K-8) Students

Appropriate grade placement on the elementary and middle school levels (K-8) will be determined by the following factors:

- chronological age,
- physical maturity,
- social adjustment,

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- performance in relation to student learning objectives for grade level,
- individual performance on standardized achievement tests, and
- other assessments as deemed necessary for evaluation.

The decision to place and / or retain will be based upon consideration of all of the above factors and will be made by a team composed of the principal, teacher(s) and the Student Support Team.

### High School

In addition to the above criteria, the following applies to students seeking entry from home schooling at the high school level (9-12):

- The student must qualify for admission with appropriate grade level skills.
- The building principal will verify that the student is eligible to be included in school under these procedures.
- Following consultation with parents / guardians and administration of academic standardized tests, when appropriate, the building principal or designee will make a determination of grade level placement. Such determination will be based upon the school district official's professional judgment of:
  - the requests of the parent;
  - the student's verified performance while on home-schooled instruction; and
  - when appropriate, the student's academic ability as documented by the results of district-administered standardized achievement tests.
- Once the appropriate grade level has been determined, the student and his / her parent / guardian and the high school guidance counselor will develop a planned program of study which will enable the student to make appropriate progress toward fulfilling all graduation requirements.
- All students must complete all courses required by state and federal statute.
- In order to graduate from Daniel Hand High School, the student must be enrolled in the district his / her entire twelfth (12th) grade.

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- A student's transcript will show only courses taken following enrollment in the district. The transcript will note, "standing awarded following home-schooled instruction."

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