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COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LETTER TO PARENTS WHO ARE CONTEMPLATING HOME SCHOOLING OR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The following information may be helpful to those parents/guardians who are considering nonpublic school placement or home schooling for their child.

~~Section 1561 of Enrolled House bill No. 5803 requires that "every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control and charge of a child from age 5 to the child's sixteenth birthday shall send that child to a public school during the entire school year." Exceptions to this rule are listed in Section 1561(3) which states:~~

The law in Michigan governing compulsory attendance requires a parent, legal guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child age six to sixteen to send the child to school during the entire school year, except under the limited circumstances specified in subsection (3) of section 380.1561. A child who was age eleven on or after December 1, 2009 or who was age eleven before that date and entered grade six in 2009 or later shall attend school from age six to eighteen.

A child shall not be required to attend the public schools in the following cases:

- A child who is attending regularly and is being taught in a state approved nonpublic school, which teaches subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools to children of corresponding age and grade, as determined by the course of study for the public schools of the district within which the nonpublic school is located.
- The child is being educated at the child's home by his or her parent or legal guardian in an organized educational program in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing, and English grammar.
- ~~The child who has graduated from high school or has fulfilled all requirements for high school graduation [MCL 380.1561].~~

~~A home school family choosing to operate under exemption (a) as noted above and completing the reporting process with the Department of Education is considered a non-public school. To choose this option, parents/guardians must contact the state at 517-373-0796 to register.~~

The annual registering of a home school with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is voluntary. It is not required unless the student has special needs and is requesting special education services from the local public school or intermediate school district. It is

recommended the parent first submit a completed Nonpublic School Membership Report to MDE if special education services will be requested. This form is available on the Michigan home school website – www.Michigan.gov/homeschool. Before special education services are established, the school will contact MDE for verification that this process is complete. The home school must register each school year to continue services. A list of registered home schools is provided to intermediate school district superintendents each December and March.

If a home school family chooses to operate under the exemption (~~f~~) **above**, the conditions listed below apply:

- The home school family is not a nonpublic school.
- The Michigan Department of Education plays no role with this home school family.
- The home school family does not report to the Department of Education.
- Intermediate and local school districts are not responsible for interpreting and enforcing the Compulsory School Attendance Law.
- There are no minimum qualifications for teachers except that they must be the parents or legal guardians of the children.
- The home school family must provide “an organized educational program in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing, and English grammar.”

Students in home school families operating under the exemption (~~f~~) **above**, solely, are not entitled to Auxiliary Services but are eligible to enroll in non-core courses such as band, physical education, **or** music, ~~or driver's education~~, in public schools.

Curriculum Materials

The local school district and Department of Education do not provide curriculum materials for home schools.

Home school families may purchase the textbooks and materials of their choice. Support services may be contracted, but are not required by law. Information regarding home school support services and materials can be accessed on the Internet by typing any of the following at the search prompt: home school curriculum, home school associations, or correspondence schools.

Parents of nonpublic or home school children may enroll or re-enroll their eligible children in the Livonia Public Schools. The granting of credits and placement of students in these cases is determined solely by the receiving building administrator, based on appropriate evaluation and consultation with parents or guardians. In these cases, it is strongly recommended that the public school be contacted well in advance so appropriate classes may be determined and scheduled.