

Instruction

Parent Instruction of Children at Home

Parents wishing to educate children in the home may do so in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education. When parents or guardians are willing to discuss their decision for equivalent education at home with school personnel, school district staff shall explain the advantages of a public school education to such parents or guardians without any criticism of parental choices.

Home Schooling is viewed by the Derby Board of Education as full time, and therefore, home schooled students are not eligible for school offerings or activities.

If decisions are made by parents or guardians to return children who for a time have been educated at home to local schools, school staff shall provide an appropriate return to the public schools.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-184](#) Duties of parents.

[10-1842](#) Special Education programs not required for children in home or private schools.

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education.

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Suggested Procedures for Home Instruction

The following procedures have been developed in order to assist parents and local Boards of Education to work together in such a way as to assure children receive the education to which they are entitled by law. We would deem compliance with these suggested procedures as satisfying the requirements of Sections [10](#) 184 and [10](#) 220 of the General Statutes.

In determining whether the education provided a child is equivalent to the instruction provided in the local schools, it is recommended that the local Board of Education observe the following procedures:

1. Parents must file with the Superintendent of Schools in the town in which they reside, a State Department of Education developed Notice of Intent form which provides basic information about the program to be provided to their child. A Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one year (see attached).
2. Filing must occur within ten days of the start of the home instruction program.
3. The school district will receive the Notice of Intent, check it for completeness and keep it as part of the district's permanent records. A complete form will be one which provides basic program information including name of teacher, subjects to be taught and days of instruction, and the teacher's method of assessment.
4. A parent, by filing a Notice of Intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a Notice of Intent in no way constitutes approval by a school district of the content or effectiveness or a program of home instruction.

5. If a parent fails to file a Notice of Intent or files an incomplete form, then a certified letter shall be sent to the parent requesting compliance within ten days.

6. Any continued refusal by the parent to comply with the reasonable request of the school district for completion and filing of the Notice of Intent may cause the child to be considered truant.

7. A school district should not accept nor require a Notice of Intent for any child younger than five years or older than eighteen years.

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