

**SUBJECT: HOME SCHOOLING**

From time to time, parents will choose to instruct their children at home. The Port Jervis School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home schooling for their children realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

**Provision of Services to Home-Schooled Students**

Regarding Home-Schooled Students:

They are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school or the District.

- a) They are not eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports.

The School District does not permit home-schooled students to participate in any extracurricular activities.

- b) The District is not required to loan available textbooks and other materials (e.g., library materials, microscopes, computer software, movie projectors).
- c) The School District is not required to furnish health services.
- d) The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.
- e) The District is not permitted to provide Occupational and Vocational programs (career and technical education) nor programs for the Gifted to home-schooled students.

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- f) Home-schooled students may not participate in the instructional program of the School District except for special education programs and services the District is required to offer.

Pursuant to Chapter 217 of the NYS Laws of 2008, students with disabilities who are in home instruction programs are eligible to receive special education services from the Port Jervis City School District. To be eligible for such special education services, a home-schooled student must be entitled to attend the public schools without payment of tuition and be required to have an individualized home instruction plan (IHIP) that the Port Jervis Superintendent of Schools has determined to be in compliance with section 100.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

For home-schooled students who are students with disabilities, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) will develop an individualized education services program (IESP) for the student, in the same manner in which an IEP is developed.

The District determines the location where special education services will be available to home-schooled students, which can include the site of the home school.

In order to receive services in the 2008-9 school year, a parent must submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools no later than August 6, 2008. For a student who is first identified as a student with a disability after the first day of June 2008 and prior to the first day of April of 2009, a parent must submit the written request for services within thirty days after the student is first identified. In subsequent years, the parent must request special education services in writing to the Superintendent of Schools by June 1 preceding the school year for which the request for services is made. However, for a student who is first identified as a student with a disability after the first day of June preceding the school year for which the request is made and prior to the first day of April of such current school year, the parent must submit the written request for services within thirty days after the student is first identified.

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This information will be disseminated to the parents of home-schooled students to whom it pertains.

- g) Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in Policy #3280—Community Use of School Facilities.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

Education Law Sections 3204, 3205, 3210.2, 3212.2,  
3240-42, 3602-c, and 4402  
8 New York Codes of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Sections 100.10 and 200.2(a)

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