



School Committee Policy:

#661

Home Instruction

The Maynard Public Schools recognizes and respects the right of parents or guardians to educate their child(ren) at home. The School Committee appreciates the personal and cultural uniqueness of each family and desires to ensure that the process by which school officials approve and review home education programs is both lawful and equitable.

The Maynard School Committee has the responsibility to insure the education of all school age children in the community. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the School Committee to require annual plans for home instruction on an individual basis under the following conditions:

1. The parent/guardian shall submit a Home Education Plan to the Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent for approval. The Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent may require a meeting with the parent/guardian to review the plan.
2. The plan shall include the following detail of the instructional program:
 - a. Hours of instruction per week per subject.
 - b. Name and qualification of the instructor, and location of instruction.
 - c. Textbooks and materials used in instruction.
 - d. Testing/evaluation plan.
3. Appropriate records of student progress shall be maintained by the parents, and a copy furnished to the Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent. The appropriate records of student progress maintained by the parent must include the annual administration of appropriate tests, or an alternative form of assessment, such as progress reports, dated work samples, a portfolio review, an assessment by a certified teacher of the parent's choice, or another method agreed upon.

Note: Because home-schooled students are not enrolled in the public school system, they are neither required nor allowed to take the MCAS exams (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education).

4. Home instructors will maintain a record of activities.

5. A visit to the home (or location of instruction, if other than the home) may or may not be a part of the approved plan. Such visit by a representative of the school will be arranged at mutually convenient times.
6. A student on a program of home instruction is welcome to use the school library, computer lab or other school facility during afterschool hours when the facility is open. See also policies #14 "Equal Educational Opportunity", #562 "Student Activities", #564 "Athletics", #651 "Field Trips" and #660 "Part-time Students", for rules relating to part-time students.
7. Modifications in the approved educational plan shall be made as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent after consultation with the parent.

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