

Home School Instruction

The State of Rhode Island provides certain requirements for the home instruction of students. The Barrington School Committee will approve home instruction programs that meet the requirements of Rhode Island law. The following guidelines shall be adhered to in requesting and approving a home instruction program.

1. Prior to the beginning of each school year, the parent(s) or guardian(s) must submit written notification to the Superintendent of their intent to instruct their child or children at home. This letter will be termed the "Letter of Intent". It shall include for each student as a minimum: the student's name, age, and grade level. Parents who decide to homeschool their children during the school year should notify the Superintendent in writing immediately upon knowing that they wish to homeschool.
2. The Superintendent's designee will offer an invitation for a meeting with the parent(s) or guardian(s) to review the requirements of home based instruction.
3. The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall submit to the Superintendent's designee a copy of their proposed curriculum. This curriculum must show that all subjects required under the RI General Laws will be covered.
4. The Superintendent, upon recommendation of the designee, will submit the request to the Barrington School Committee for approval.
5. The parent(s) or guardian(s) may begin home based instruction immediately after submittal of the letter of intent to homeschool. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will receive a letter of acceptance or denial for their home instruction, immediately following a School Committee decision. If the reason for denial is unsatisfactory, appeal may be made to the State Education Commission.
6. The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall provide learning time during the year that is substantially equal to that required by law for public school students. Learning time shall be defined as any time during which the students are engaged in regularly scheduled instruction, learning activities or learning assessment. In addition to classroom time, learning may include direct study, independent study, technology-assisted learning, work-study programs, or presentations by persons other than their normal instructor.
7. The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall submit attendance records during the period of home instruction. The normal report need only be a summation of the total days of learning time during the reporting period.

Legal Reference

[RIDE FAQs](#)

[RI Gen Law 16-19-2](#)

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