

Section: **STUDENTS**

Policy Title: **Home Based Instruction**

The school district shall make available to inquiring parents information generated by the office of the Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and by the school district including the SPI letter of intent form and supplemental district application forms. The district shall timely forward to SPI all information required by law as timely submitted by individuals electing a home schooling option for their child(ren).

Home-based instruction must be provided either:

1. by a parent who is instructing his/her child only and is supervised by a person certificated under Chapter 28A.410 RCW; the supervision consists of and includes planning of objectives by the certificated person and the parent; a minimum each month of an average of one contact hour per week with the child being supervised by the certificated person; and evaluation of such child's progress by the certificated person. The number of children supervised by the certificated person shall not exceed thirty (30); or
2. by a parent who is instructing his/her child only and who has either earned forty-five (45) college level credit hours or its equivalent in semester hours or has completed a course in home-based instruction at a post-secondary institution or a vocational-technical institute; or
3. by a parent who is deemed sufficiently qualified to provide home-based instruction by the superintendent of the district in which the child resides.

Availability of Standardized Testing

The district shall notify the families of home-schooled students of all standardized testing carried out by the district and shall make all such testing available to home-schooled students. The district shall maintain records of results of such tests of home-schooled students and shall, upon request, assist home-schooled students and their families to interpret the results of such tests.

Availability of Materials and Equipment

The district shall provide to home-schooled students at cost and upon request materials and equipment available in the district so long as such provision is authorized by law, will not detract from use of materials and equipment by regularly-enrolled students and will not interrupt the educational process of the district.

Availability of Ancillary Services

Home-schooled students are permitted to enroll and receive ancillary services from the school district on a space-available basis, provided that such students are otherwise eligible for full-time enrollment in the school district, and provided further that home-schooled students shall receive no advantage or priority over full-time enrolled students.

Admission of Home Schooled Students

The school district shall admit to full-time enrollment resident home-schooled students applying for admission. As a preliminary step to such enrollment, the school district shall evaluate an applying student and place the student at the grade level indicated appropriate by such evaluation. To assist with such an evaluation, an applying student needs to provide any test scores, annual academic progress assessments, and immunization records that are available.

Transferring from Home-Based Instruction to District Enrollment

1. Elementary level - A student wishing to enroll from a home-based program will be placed at the appropriate grade level as determined by the building principal from a review of existing records and the administration of appropriate achievement tests. Continuation at that grade level will be contingent upon satisfactory performance.
2. Secondary level -
 - A. Credits earned in a program which can demonstrate compliance with state regulations will be accepted at face value for grade placement.
 - B. Students transferring from programs which do not comply with state regulations will be enrolled in the 9th grade.

Home Based Students Who Wish to Graduate from Kelso High School

Students transferring from an approved home-based program may graduate from Kelso High School provided they meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of all district graduation requirements.
2. A student must be enrolled full time (five periods) on Kelso High School campus for two semesters prior to graduating (junior or senior year) and successfully complete these semesters with passing grades and meet all local district graduation

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requirements. If a student attends running start, the two semesters on campus must be prior to running start.

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