



RE-1 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Logan County, Colorado

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District Web Site: www.re1valleyschools.org

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Attached to this letter you will find home school information. The number at the end of each of the seven categories is a reference to a particular section of Colorado School law concerning home schooling.

We hope this information will help you to meet all the criteria for home schooling your child(ren). If you have questions, you may contact the principal of your child's school or Dr. Martin Foster, Interim Superintendent of Schools, 522-0792.

At the bottom of this page is a place for parents who plan to home school their child(ren) to sign indicating that they have read and understand the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado that must be observed while home schooling. Please return this form to the Office of the Superintendent, at the above address, along with your letter of intent and plan for home schooling your child(ren).

Parents who home school their high school aged child(ren), need to know that in many cases credit may not be transferred to a RE-1 Valley School District high school for graduation. If you want your child to graduate from an RE-1 Valley District high school, he or she needs to meet all of our District's graduation requirements. Any home school credit accepted by a District high school must be approved by a graduation committee. In most cases this should be done in advance of the course work being completed.

If you plan to move your child back into an Re-1 Valley high school from home schooling, you should arrange to meet with a counselor from that school to discuss your plan and then have the plan approved by a graduation committee. You may also be asked to provide documentation concerning the amount of instruction time provided to the student, the content of the curriculum used for each class, and documentation that the student has completed assignments and testing for the course, in order to determine if credit should be granted.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin Foster
Interim Superintendent of Schools

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado that must be observed while home schooling my child(ren).

Signature

Date

Printed name



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Home School Notification 2022-2023 School Year

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Age _____ Student's Grade _____

Household Address _____

Phone Number (indicate home or cell) _____

School your child would be attending _____

Name of Instructional Program

Online _____

Published Curriculum _____

Other _____

of Instructional Days _____ Program Establishment Date _____
(Minimum of 172 days)

Will your child be participating in District classes and/or activities? Yes No

If yes, what classes and/or activities? _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature _____

Completed form should be returned to the Superintendent's office at the Administration Center.

******This form is to be completed each school year******



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Notificación a la Escuela de Planta Año Escolar 2022-2023

Fecha _____

Nombre del Alumno _____

Edad del Alumno _____ Grado del Alumno _____

Domicilio del Alumno _____

Número de teléfono _____

Escuela a la que su hijo va asistir _____

Nombre del Programa de Instrucción

En el Internet _____

Currículum Publicado _____

Otro _____

de Días de Instrucción _____ Fecha del Programa Establecido _____
(mínimo de 172 días)

¿Su hijo va a participar en las clases del distrito y/o actividades? Si No

¿Si es si, que clases y/o actividades son? _____

Nombre del Padre/Tutor legal _____

Firma del Padre/Tutor legal _____

La forma terminada debe de ser regresada a la oficina del superintendente en el Centro de Administración.

******Esta forma necesita ser llenada cada año escolar******



**RE-1 Valley School District
Logan County, Colorado
Home School Information**

1. A non-public, home based educational program means the sequential program of instruction for the education of a child which takes place in a home, which is provided by the child's parent or by an adult relative of the child, and which is not under the supervision of a school district.

22-33-104.5(2)(a)
2. A non-public, home based educational program shall include no less than one hundred seventy-two days of instruction averaging four instructional contact hours per day.

22-33-104.5(3)(c)
3. A non-public, home based educational program shall include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Communication skills of reading, writing and speaking
 - b. Mathematics
 - c. History
 - d. Civics
 - e. Literature
 - f. Science
 - g. Regular courses of instruction in the Constitution of the United States

22-33-104.5(3)(d)
4. Any parent establishing a non-public, home based educational program shall provide written notification of establishment of said program to the local district of residence or a school district within the state fourteen days prior to the establishment of the program and each year thereafter, if the program is maintained. The parent in charge of the program shall certify, in writing, only a statement containing the name, age, place of residence and number of hours of attendance of each child in the program.

22-33-104.5(3)(e)
5. Each child participating in a non-public, home-based educational program shall be evaluated when each child reaches grades three, five, seven, nine and eleven. Each child shall be given a nationally standardized achievement test to evaluate their progress OR a qualified person shall evaluate the child's academic progress. The test or evaluation results shall be submitted to the school district that received the notice of establishment of the home school program or an independent or parochial school within the State of Colorado. The name of the independent or parochial school shall be given to the local school district of residence. The purpose of such tests or evaluations shall be to evaluate the progress of the child.

22-33-104.5(3)(f)
6. The records of each child participating in a non-public, home-based educational program shall be maintained by the parent in charge and in control of the program. The records shall include, but not limited to:
 - a. attendance data
 - b. test and evaluation results
 - c. immunization records as required by sections 25-4-901, 25-4-902 and 25-4-903

All of these records shall be produced to school district that received the notice of establishment of the home school program upon fourteen days written notice if the superintendent has probable cause to believe that the said program is not in compliance with all of the guidelines for home-schooling set forth in the information on these pages.

22-33-104.5(3)(g)
7. The procedures for a home school student either entering or re-entering RE-1 Valley Schools are:
 - a. A meeting with the parent(s) and child(ren)
 - b. A review of the student records submitted by the parents in charge of the home schooling
 - c. A review of the standardized tests or evaluations given the child
 - d. If no tests or evaluations have been given, the school may test the child for the purpose of understanding what the child knows and is able to do and for placement at the appropriate grade level as deemed most appropriate by the local school district of residence.

22-33-104.5(4)

HOME SCHOOLING

What should I know?

Homeschooling is deregulated in the State of Colorado, therefore you're taking on all of the responsibility for your student's education including acquisition of books, supplies and tests.

How do I get started, what do I do first?

You must provide a 14 day written notification explaining your intent to homeschool to any Colorado public school district office (not the state) and do so each year thereafter for each year the program is maintained. (3)(e). You'll need to make your school district of residence aware of the district where you've registered to avoid truancy action. The notification must list the child's name, age, place of residence and number of hours of attendance of each child enrolled.

Where do I get textbooks, materials and resources to homeschool my child, and what does it cost?

Contact one of resource groups listed below, bookstores, supply houses or your local school district and they may be able to provide you with information on how to obtain these. Homeschooling costs vary because you can purchase entire programs from private companies or create your own curriculum. All costs are assumed by the parent.

What requirements or qualifications must I have to homeschool my child?

You must be the parent, guardian or adult relative of the child. There are no other qualifications or requirements. (2)(a)

What are the requirements for attendance?

Your program shall include no less than 172 days of instruction, averaging four instructional contact hours per day. (3)(c)

What subjects do I have to teach?

Your program shall include, but is not limited to: communication skills of reading, writing and speaking, mathematics, history, civics, literature, science and the Constitution of the United States. (3)(d)

What kind of records do I have to keep?

Your records must include but are not limited to, attendance data, test and evaluation results and immunization records. (3)(g)

Do I have to test my child and who pays for the test? Where do I get the test?

Your child must be tested or evaluated every two years beginning at the third grade level (third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh) at your expense. You may contact one of the resources listed below for information or the school district where you've registered to ask if they will include your child during the testing of public school students but the district is not obliged to do so, and may charge you for any costs incurred. (3)(f)

For locations of testing, contact one of the resource groups listed below. Great Books in Lakewood has information and can be contacted at greatbookshomeschool@algxmail.com. Metropolitan State College of Denver is no longer involved with testing.

Is my homeschooled child required to take the CSAP test?

The district shall permit a homeschool student to take the CSAP and provide the results of the assessment to the parent or legal guardian. The test is given only to homeschooled students' whose parents request that the child participate in the testing. 22-7-409 (III)(1.3)(b)

Is there a state diploma or can my child earn one from the district?

There is no state diploma and district diplomas are presented only to students who have attended a public high school in the district. Some companies selling homeschooling curricula offer a diploma at the completion of their program or the parent can make a diploma to present at completion of the program.

How can I find support groups or information on the Internet?

Go to Colorado Department of Education on the internet. Under Home School, Home School Resources, you will find Regional and Statewide Resources and Information on a variety of home school topics. Homeschool Central is another site with helpful information. These are only suggested sites as there are many.

Does my homeschooled child have to take the GED?

Taking the GED is an option but the adult in charge of the program may graduate the student by making a diploma.

Is there any funding available for homeschooling?

At the time of this update, there is currently no funding available.

Home Schooling

When a parent/guardian of a student who has attained the age of seven years and is below the age of 16 wants to establish a home-based educational program for his/her child, the following procedures shall be followed in accordance with law:

1. The parent/guardian must submit on an annual basis written notification of establishment of the home-based program to the district's director of student services. The initial written notification shall be submitted at least 14 days before the program is established.
2. The parent/guardian must certify in writing the name, age, place of residence and number of hours of attendance of each of his/her children enrolled in the program.
3. The superintendent shall give the parent 14 days written notice to produce records required by law if there is probable cause to believe the program is not in compliance with the law.
4. Each student in a home-based program shall be evaluated when the student is in the third, fifth, seventh, ninth and 11th grades. The student's academic progress shall be evaluated either by giving a nationally standardized achievement test or by submitting an evaluation of the student conducted by a qualified person as defined in state law.

The director of student services shall be responsible for reviewing the student's test or evaluation. Results shall be submitted to the district or to an independent or parochial school in Colorado. If the test or evaluation results are submitted to an independent or parochial school, the name of the school shall be provided to the district.

5. If the student's composite score on the test is above the 13th percentile, the student shall continue to be eligible for the home-based educational program and exempt from compulsory attendance. If the score is at or below the 13th percentile, the parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to have the student re-tested using an alternate version of the same test or a different nationally standardized test selected by the parent/guardian from a list supplied by the State Board of Education.
6. If the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is making sufficient academic progress according to ability, the student shall continue to be exempt from compulsory attendance.
7. If the composite score on a retest continues to be at or below the 13th percentile or if the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is not making sufficient academic progress, the district shall take steps to require the parent/guardian to enroll the student in a public, independent or parochial school.

Extracurricular and interscholastic activities

Students participating in home-based educational programs have the same rights as district students to participate in district extracurricular and interscholastic activities. Such participation is subject to the same rules of any interscholastic organization or association of which the district is a member, applicable law and the district's eligibility requirements.

If a student withdraws from the school district more than 15 days after the start of the school year and enters a home-based educational program, the school district shall remain the child's district of attendance for purposes of extracurricular and interscholastic activities. If the child was eligible to participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activities when he or she withdrew from the public school, the child remains eligible to participate at that school for the remainder of the academic year.

Habitually truant students

Any student who has been declared habitually truant at any time during the last six months of attending public school before the proposed enrollment in a home-based educational program may not be enrolled unless the parent/guardian first submits a written description of the curricula to be used along with the written notification required in paragraph #1 above.

Re-entering district schools

A student from a home-based program may re-enter the district's schools at any time. With the consent of the student's parent/guardian, the district shall place the student at the grade level deemed most appropriate by the district. All students from home-based programs must demonstrate proficiency in the district's academic standards at their appropriate placement level. The district may test the student to determine placement.

The district shall accept the transcripts from a home-based educational program. In order to determine whether the courses and grades earned are consistent with district requirements and the district's academic standards, the district shall require submission of the student's work or other proof of academic performance for each course for which credit toward graduation is sought. In addition, the district may administer testing to the student to verify the accuracy of the student's transcripts. The district may reject any transcripts that cannot be verified through such testing. See policy IKF.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-7-409 (1.2)(d)(I)(B)(III) (*home school students not required to take state assessments*)
C.R.S. 22-32-116.5 (*extracurricular and interscholastic activities*)
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (*home-based education law*)
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (3)(f) (*scores on nationally standardized tests or evaluations are not considered when measuring school performance and determining accreditation*)
C.R.S. 22-33-107 (*compulsory attendance law*)

CROSS REFS.: JGA, Assignment of New Students to Classes and Grade Levels
JHB, Truancy
JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility