

HOME INSTRUCTION POLICY

The provision for Rhode Islanders to enter into home schooling arrangements is found in the state's compulsory education law (Section 16-19-1 and 16-19-2) of the Rhode Island General Laws.

- I. Following is the process to be followed for parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting approval of a home instruction program:
 - A. The parent petitions the superintendent for permission to home instruct. The petition will be in writing.
 - B. A meeting is scheduled between the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the Principal/Guidance Counselor. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who do not wish to attend a meeting shall, instead, submit a written instruction plan.
 - C. The Principal will make a recommendation to the superintendent.
 - D. The Superintendent will make a recommendation to the school committee.
 - E. The Principal will annually invite participants to a meeting to review student progress, collect the Statement of Attendance and Statement of Compliance, and to review the instructional plan for the next school year. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may choose to communicate this information and deliver these documents to the principal without attending a meeting.
 - F. Failure to provide the materials/information delineated in paragraph E, above, may result in the recommendation that approval for home instruction be withdrawn.
- II. The home instruction plan must reflect the following:
 - A. Period of attendance. The number of days of instruction to be provided must be substantially equal to that required under Rhode Island law.
 - B. Instructional plan.
- III. At the high school level students who wish to home school must follow the above procedures.

- IV. The Little Compton School District seeks to be supportive of those engaged in home instruction programs. Parent/Guardian requests for support from the district may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Student participation in local and state assessments
 - B. Borrowing textbooks currently used in the district
 - C. Student participation in intramural and co-curricular activities
 - D. Student use of Media Center resources

Please note: Where applicable, transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

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