

POLICY RELATING TO EDUCATION

HOME SCHOOL EDUCATION

The Wachusett Regional School Committee recognizes and respects the right of parent(s)/guardian(s) to educate their child(ren) at home. The School Committee appreciates the personal and cultural uniqueness of each family and the committee desires to ensure that review and confirmation of home education programs is both lawful and equitable.

The Superintendent/designee shall approve a home education program subject to the following:

1. Approval of the program is obtained in advance.
2. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will submit to the Superintendent/designee plans relative to:
 - A. the description of program offerings;
 - B. the assessment process which may include a portfolio, certified teacher's report, norm-referenced test results, or any other agreed upon method;
 - C. the general qualifications of home instructors;
 - D. the Superintendent/designee shall respond in writing to the parental submission within 15 working days of receipt.
3. The Superintendent/designee will permit home education students to participate in the annual achievement test battery.
4. Every effort will be made to work cooperatively with home education parent(s)/guardian(s) for the educational success of the child(ren). If the Superintendent/designee determines that a home education program is inadequate, the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified in writing of reasons for concern. A conference will be scheduled with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the Superintendent/designee to find mutually acceptable ways to correct any deficiencies. The parent(s)/guardian(s) may have representatives at the conference. If the deficiencies are not corrected in a timely manner, the Superintendent may reject the proposal with detailed reasons and may make referrals as deemed appropriate.

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5. Parent(s)/guardian(s) who wish their child(ren) to participate in regularly scheduled activities must meet the standards for participation and must be registered with the building principal.

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