

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOME SCHOOLING OF STUDENTS

The Arlington School Committee recognizes the right of parents to have a home education alternative to public school for their child. Parents have the right to propose a home education alternative and the Superintendent has the right, under Section I of Ch. 76 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to approve or disapprove. Such approval must be obtained **prior** to implementation.

Children in home instruction may, at the discretion of parents or guardian, attend the public schools on a part-time basis. It may be an advantage for a home-taught child to attend specialized classes in the public school.

Parents or a legal guardian in charge of home instruction should make provision for regular testing or use of other indicators of student progress such as standardized achievement tests. As an alternative to home testing and at the request of those in charge of the home instruction, the school district will make provision for inclusion of home-taught children in the annual achievement test battery which is usually administered in February or March of each school year. The home instruction summary form must include either a summary of home testing results for each required subject for each child or the results of the achievement test that is administered through the school district.

In evaluating each proposed home school alternative in Arlington, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction considers the following factors:

1. The competency of the teacher(s).
2. The content of all subjects and texts/instructional materials so as to impart comparable knowledge as given in the local schools.
3. The expected schedule of daily/weekly instruction (days/hours).
4. The specific plan of periodic tests and other measurements of the child's educational growth.
5. A beginning year plan and end-of-year progress reports will be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. Records of the student's progress will be maintained in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent.
6. The Assistant Superintendent will review the materials submitted by the parents. The Superintendent will give final approval to the year's plan based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent.

For more information, please contact:

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Application and Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Schooling

School Year for which approval is sought: _____

Instructions: Please complete this form; attach any additional information and forward to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Arlington Public Schools, 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476 **prior to the starting date of the home schooling program.** If this process is initiated during the school year, the student must remain in school until the school district and the parents agree jointly to the home education plan. Approvals are in effect for one school year only, and program descriptions must be submitted each year prior to September 1.

Please complete one sheet per student.

A. Application

Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ **Grade Entering:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Last First Middle

Parent/Guardian: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Zip

Home Telephone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email Address: _____

B. On a separate paper, please describe the instructional program to be taught, including goals and objectives for all subjects, time allocation per week (Please note: Massachusetts State Law requires a minimum of 900 hours for elementary and 990 for secondary per year of instructional time.), and instructional materials and aids to be used.

C. Academic background, life experience and/or qualifications of person(s) who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the instructional program described in Section B.

D. Reports on your child's progress must be submitted to this office twice a year in **January and June**. The methods of assessment that are acceptable are listed below. Please check any additional methods of assessment to be used including a brief description of each.

- Daily logs, journals, portfolios or dated work samples
- An independent report of academic progress made by someone acceptable to both the superintendent and parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Standardized test results
- Another method agreed upon by both the Assistant Superintendent and home educators. _____

The following confirms the intent to provide the minimum number of hours of instruction per year as listed in the Home Schooling Procedures.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date Submitted

The signature of the school official indicates final approval of this plan.
A parent/administrative conference must be scheduled for initial programs.

Signature of Superintendent or Designee

Date Approved