

HOME SCHOOLING

The Board of Education recognizes the rights and responsibilities of parents in the education of their children. Therefore, home teaching will be considered a viable educational choice, which is subject to the laws and regulations of the State of New York and the State Education Department.

Requests for home teaching will be authorized by the Superintendent of Schools upon his/her review of the following objectives:

1. Academically appropriate teaching materials are used and a workable schedule of implementation is reported to the district as required by law.
2. The instructors are deemed competent by the Superintendent, and the academic program is substantially equivalent to that necessary to meet the graduation requirements of the Chatham Central School District or the State of New York.

In development of an educational plan for the home schooler, the following policies with regard to services within the district shall be considered:

1. Dual enrollment is only an option for occupational education and gifted programs.
2. Access to Regents examinations and standardized testing will be on the same basis as an enrolled student.
3. Participation in non-credit, after-school activities is allowed on the same basis as an enrolled student.
4. Use of school facilities and equipment will be available to the home taught student on the same basis as to a member of the public.
5. The Committee on Special Education will provide services to students taught at home as provided by state law.
6. Should a home taught student enroll in the district, educational placement will be made on the basis of academic achievement, social development and standardized testing.

Cross-ref: 5100, Student Attendance
5130, Compulsory Attendance Ages

Ref: Education Law §3202(4)
8 NYCRR §100.10
Matter of Abookire, 33 EDR 473 (1994)

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