

Instruction

HOME SCHOOLING

6172.3(a)

Educational Instruction Under Parental Direction

The State Board of Education acknowledges the right of parents or guardians to instruct their children at home as an alternative to public school attendance. Parents wishing to educate children in the home may do so in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education. When parents or guardians are willing to discuss their decision for equivalent education at home with school personnel, school district staff shall explain the advantages of a public school education to such parents or guardians without any criticism of parental choices.

When parents/guardians choose to educate their children at home, the school district shall provide whatever reasonable assistance it can to ensure such children benefit appropriately from home instruction.

If decisions are made by parents or guardians to return children who for a time have been educated at home to local schools, school staff shall provide an appropriate return to the public schools.

Children educated at home are considered to be non-public school students and are not part of the system's educational responsibility and are not part of the school system.

The following procedures are established for parents or legal guardians who wish to educate their children at home.

- Parents or guardians should file with the Superintendent of Schools a State Department of Education developed *Notice of Intent Instruction of a Student at Home Form*, which provides basic information about the program to be provided to their child. A *Notice of Intent Instruction of a Student at Home* will be effective for up to one (1) school year.
- Filing should occur within ten (10) days of the start of the home instruction program.
- The school district will receive the *Notice of Intent Instruction of a Student at Home*, check it for completeness, and keep it as part of the district's permanent records. A complete form will be one that provides basic information including name of teacher, subjects to be taught and days of instruction, and the teacher's method of assessment.

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6172.3(b)

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- In filing a *Notice of Intent Instruction of a Student at Home*, a parent or guardian acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a *Notice of Intent Instruction of a Student at Home* in no way constitutes approval by a school district of the content or effectiveness of a program of home instruction.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
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