



IHBG - HOME-BASED EDUCATION

Children who participate in a nonpublic home-based educational program shall not be subject to compulsory school attendance as provided by Colorado law and District Policy JH/JHB. Parents/guardians establishing nonpublic home-based educational programs for their children are subject to the following requirements in accordance with governing law:

1. The parent/guardian shall submit written notification of the establishment of the program to the assistant director of student outreach 14 days prior to the establishment of the program and each year thereafter if the program is maintained. The parent/guardian shall certify in writing on a form provided by the District the name, age, place of residence and number of hours of attendance of each child enrolled in the program. The requirements of this paragraph 1 shall apply only with respect to children who are at least six years of age and less than 16 years of age.
2. Any student who is habitually truant at any time during the last six months that the student attended school before proposed enrollment in a nonpublic home-based educational program may not be enrolled in the program unless the student's parent/guardian first submits a written description of the curriculum to be used in the program along with the written notification required in paragraph 1 above.
3. The records of each child participating in the program shall be maintained on a permanent basis by the parent/guardian. Such records shall include attendance data, test and evaluation results and immunization records. Such records shall be produced to the assistant director of student outreach upon 14 days' written notice if the superintendent has probable cause to believe that the program is not in compliance with the law.
4. Each child participating in the program shall be evaluated when he or she reaches grades three, five, seven, nine and eleven by either being given a nationally standardized achievement test to evaluate the child's academic progress or by having a "qualified person," as defined by law, evaluate the child's academic progress. The test or evaluation results, as applicable, shall be submitted to the assistant director of student outreach or to an independent or parochial school in Colorado. If the test or evaluation results are submitted to an independent or parochial school, the name of the school shall be provided to the assistant director of student outreach.
5. If the child's composite score on the nationally standardized achievement test is above the 13th percentile, the child shall continue to be exempt from compulsory

school attendance as provided by Colorado law and District Policy JH/JHB. If the child's composite score is at or below the 13th percentile, the parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to have the child retested using an alternate version of the same test or a different nationally standardized achievement test selected by the parent/guardian from a list of approved tests supplied by the State Board of Education.

6. If the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the child is making sufficient academic progress according to his or her ability, the child shall continue to be exempt from compulsory school attendance as provided by Colorado law and District Policy JH/JHB.
7. If the composite score on a retest continues to be at or below the 13th percentile or if the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is not making sufficient academic progress, the District shall require the parent/guardian to enroll the child in a public, independent or parochial school until the next testing period.

A child in a nonpublic home-based educational program may: (a) enroll in the PSD Options School to enrich the child's home-based program; or (b) enroll in classes at another District school on a space-available basis if the child's hours of attendance are sufficient for the District to receive per-pupil funding of at least 0.5 FTE for the child; or (c) not enroll in either the PSD Options School or in classes at another District school.

A child in a nonpublic home-based educational program who is enrolled in the PSD Options School shall only be entitled to the use of District textbooks and other instructional materials in the PSD Options lending library. A child in a nonpublic home-based educational program who is enrolled in District school classes shall only be entitled to the use of District textbooks and other instructional materials for the District school classes in which the child is enrolled. A child in a nonpublic home-based educational program who is not enrolled in the PSD Options School and not enrolled in classes at another District school shall not be entitled to the use of District textbooks or other instructional materials in the PSD Options lending library and shall not be entitled to the use of any other District textbooks or instructional materials for District school classes.

A child in a nonpublic home-based educational program may participate in District extracurricular and interscholastic activities as provided by law and District policy.

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C.R.S. 22-33-107

CROSS REFS:

JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages

JFC, Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts

JGA, Assignment of New Students to Classes and Grade Levels

JH/JHB, Student Attendance/Truancy