

Instruction

Homeschooling

The Stafford Board of Education recognizes the right of parents/guardians to provide instruction for their children at home, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-184 and 10-220.

The Board requests a notice of intent to educate a child at home be submitted for each school year in which a parent proposed to educate the child at home. Notice of intent to educate a child at home should be submitted to the Superintendent by August 1 prior to the start of the school year.

Any parent wishing to homeschool their child will be invited to an informational meeting with administration to discuss reasons for homeschooling and to review the planned program. Parents who wish to ensure that any program of home instruction is appropriate to the educational needs of their child may request assistance from the administration.

Children who are homeschooled may be allowed to participate in limited co-curricular activities. In order to participate in co-curricular activities, children who are homeschooled will submit a portfolio and/or transcript of their academic progress to the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, for review. Should a request for participation in co-curricular activities be made at the beginning of a school year, the portfolio of work reviewed shall be from the previous academic term. If a student is making an initial entry into home schooling, the home schooling planned program and the student's grades from the previous school year shall be reviewed in lieu of a portfolio of work. In order to maintain eligibility to participate in co-curricular activities, the student's program of studies and transcript shall be submitted in accordance with the scheduled marking periods for the Stafford Public Schools for the equivalent grade level to the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to ascertain if the student is making progress.

Participation in athletic activities is governed by the regulations of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of Parents

10-220 Duties of Board of Education

10-184a Special education programs not required for children in home or private schools

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