

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> HOME EDUCATION	<i>Code</i> IHBG
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Rationale: The Holliston School Committee recognizes the rights of parents to provide their children with a Home Education alternative to public schools subject to regulation by the School Committee.

Policy: The Holliston School Committee authorizes Home Education programs subject to the following requirements:

1. Parent(s)/guardians must obtain approval of a Home Education Plan prior to removing the students from the public school and beginning the Home Education program. New Home Education Plans should be submitted and approved prior to the beginning of the school year.
2. The Home Education Plan must be submitted to the superintendent or his/her designee for approval. The plan must contain the following:
 - a.) The proposed curriculum and any instructional material to be used for each of the proposed subjects.
 - b.) The general qualifications of the parent(s)/guardian who will instruct the student.
 - c.) A plan for periodic assessment of the student to insure educational progress and attainment of minimum standards.
3. The superintendent has the right to approve or reject the Home Education Plan. This must be done within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the plan. If the plan is rejected, the superintendent must provide reasons for the rejection and allow the parent(s)/guardian the opportunity to revise the proposed plan. If the revised plan is rejected by the superintendent, the parent(s)/guardian has the right to petition the School Committee to explain the plan and seek approval.
4. The Home Education Plan must be re-approved annually.
5. If assessments show insufficient progress, the parent(s)/guardian shall be notified and a meeting shall be convened to determine whether the Home Education Plan should be modified or revised; or if necessary the Home Education approval revoked.
6. If a student who has been educated at home under an approved program wishes to enroll in the Holliston Public Schools, the decision on course credit and grade placement are to be made by the superintendent or his/her designee on the basis of the home study course content and test or assessments to measure the student's academic achievement.
7. A student's Home Education Plan may include school sponsored courses and services.
8. A Home Education student may participate in school-sponsored activities, extra curricula activities, and co-curricula in which the student might be enrolled.

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