

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS AT HOME

The Plainfield Board of Education acknowledges that the law presently allows parents to instruct their children at home as an alternative to public school attendance when the parent or guardian having control of the child, between the ages of 7 and 16, is able to show that the child is receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. These studies include reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, U.S. history, and citizenship. The child must be taught on a regular basis. The length of the school day and the school year must be sufficient to implement the instructional program.

A notice of intent must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for review.

The policy regarding the acceptability of a home instruction program includes the following:

- A. Parents or legal guardians must file the state's notice of intent form with the superintendent of schools. The form requests basic information about the program to be provided to their child
- B. The notice of intent for home instruction application must be completed and returned to the superintendent of schools within ten days of the start of the home instruction program. Forms may be obtained at any of the public schools or at the Superintendent's Office.
- C. The superintendent will assign an administrator who will receive the notice of intent, check it for completeness, and file a copy in the district's records. A completed form provides the basic information including the name of the teacher, the subjects to be taught, the days of instruction, and the teacher's means of assessment (testing methods).
- D. By submitting the form, the parents or guardians acknowledge full responsibility for the education of the child in accordance with the requirements of state law. However, receipt of a notice of intent by no means constitutes approval by the school district of the content or effectiveness of the program of home instruction.
- E. If the parents or guardians fail to file a notice of intent or file an incomplete or otherwise unacceptable form, the procedures for dealing with truancy may be followed.
- F. An annual portfolio review will be held prior to the beginning of the next school year between the parents and the superintendent's designee to determine whether or not instruction in the required courses has been appropriately provided.
- G. Children being instructed at home are not entitled to participate in any programs or receive any services provided by the Plainfield Public Schools.

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