

Holbrook Public Schools

HOME SCHOOLING: EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF HOME EDUCATION

An important element in a home education plan is the provision for evaluation and monitoring of student progress. The following procedures establish a process by which that will take place and these steps shall apply in all cases where home education plans have been approved and implemented.

1. Monitoring and Home School Contact: The monitoring and assessment of the progress of a student pursuing a home education plan shall be the responsibility of the central administration in collaboration with the principal of the school which the child would have attended had the home education plan not been implemented. The central administration shall ensure that appropriate lines of communication are maintained between the school district and the parents. Such contacts will be for the purpose of discussing and reviewing the progress of the child on home education, and arranging for standardized testing and/or some other means of evaluating the progress of the home educated child.
2. Assessment: An assessment of the home educated child's progress may take the form of any one of the following as mutually agreed to by both school officials and parents:
 - A. A log, journal or portfolio indicative of a child's academic activities or other written, oral or videotaped report by a parent, or
 - B. Written Assessments - Written mid-year (January) and final (June) assessments of the child's academic progress submitted to the Central Administration. The assessments are to be narrative statements of how the home educator perceives the child's progress in each curriculum area. The submission of representative samples of the child's work is strongly encouraged. These assessments will be collaboratively reviewed by the Central Administration and the principal of the school which the child would have attended had the home education plan not been implemented, or
 - C. Standardized testing (both test and site are to be agreeable to the parents). Coordination of standardized testing and/or some other means of evaluating the progress of the home educated child shall be the responsibility of the school which the child would have attended had the home education plan not been implemented, or
 - D. Any other method agreed to by both school officials and parents.

3. Provision of Procedures to Parent Home Educators: This and all Procedures relating to home education shall be provided to parents upon receipt of a request from a parent to home educate.

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