

Home-schooled or Private-schooled Instruction with Part-time Services

Part-time students are permitted to enroll and receive ancillary services, provided that such students are otherwise eligible for full time enrollment in the school district and such courses or services are not available in the student's private school or an approved extension thereof. Part-time status also includes any student not enrolled in a private school, who is receiving home-schooled instruction and who is taking courses at or receiving ancillary services from the district, or both, or any student involved in an approved work training program.

Home-schooled instruction shall consist of instructional and related educational activities, including the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music. Such instruction shall be equivalent, as liberally construed, to the total annual program hours per grade level as established for the public schools.

Home-schooled instruction may be provided by a parent who has filed a declaration of intent with the superintendent by September 15, or within two (2) weeks before the beginning of any quarter, trimester or semester. Parents may file their declaration of intent with the school district in which they reside or in a school district that has accepted the transfer of that student. All decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, and methods, timing, place, and provision for the evaluation of home-schooled instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent. The failure of a parent to comply with the standards as specified in the law constitutes a violation of the compulsory attendance law.

A student may be enrolled in an off-campus instruction program provided that such program has been approved by the superintendent.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

Cross References:

(cf.: 2237 – Home Schooling)

(cf.: 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf.: 3120 – Compulsory Attendance)

Legal References:

- RCW 28A.150.350 Part-time students - Defined - Enrollment authorized - Reimbursement for costs - Funding authority recognition - Rules
- RCW 28A.195.010 Private schools - Extension programs for parents to teacher children in their custody - Scope of state control - Generally
- RCW 28A.200.010 Home-based instruction - Duties of parents
- RCW 28A.200.020 Home-based instruction - Certain decisions responsibility of parent
- RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory - Age - Persons having custody shall cause child to attend public school - Exceptions
- RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children, from other districts for attending school - Tuition
- RCW 28A. 225.225 Applications to attend nonresident district
- WAC 392-121-181 Enrollment time credit-off-campus-Alternative Learning Experiences - Study time off-campus Instruction Requirements
- WAC 392-134-010 Attendance rights of part-time public school students

Washington State's Laws Regulating Home-Based Instruction - OSPI, August 1997
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