

GLOCESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
Glocester, RI

HOME SCHOOL INSTRUCTION POLICY

PURPOSE:

This policy shall serve to establish the School Committee guidelines, procedures and expectations governing the conducting of a student's regular education program outside the regular school environment (in the home) as provided by State Law.

PHILOSOPHY:

The ~~Foster-Glocester-Regional~~ Gloucester School Committee recognizes that ~~some~~ parents either for personal or religious reasons have the right to educate their children at home. Any parent seeking approval for home instruction must comply with the following requirements:

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. ~~That~~ The curriculum designed by parents **must** comply with Title 16-19-2 requirements of Rhode Island General Laws and be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee **and School Committee.**
2. ~~That the~~ Parents **must** maintain instructional attendance records as required by Rhode Island **Law 16-19-2** and ~~will submit same to the Foster-Glocester-Regional Schools~~ **the Superintendent's Office.**
3. ~~That~~ **Maintain** a portfolio consisting of a list of books read, field trips undertaken, art work, or any other papers germane to the proposed educational plan **and** be made available for the Superintendent's perusal. **Said portfolio must be available submitted at mid-year and year end, along with a record of attendance and evidence that teaching and learning has occurred.**
4. ~~That the parents be requested to have students tested.~~ Parents need to submit a proposed homeschool program to the school committee for approval. The plan must demonstrate that the required subjects will be taught.
5. Parents must submit an annual written assessment of their child's (children's) progress. **There should be agreement between the parent and the school committee regarding how the child's academic progress will be evaluated. Preferably, students will be evaluated through the Rhode Island Comprehensive System (RICAS) in their local school. If parents choose not to do this, they must inform the school district how their child will be evaluated.**
6. **Textbooks - Rhode Island 16-23-2 requires that homeschoolers be permitted to borrow any books or ebooks currently being used in the public schools.**

7. ~~That the Superintendent shall notify the School Committee members, in writing, via courtesy copy of the letter of approval for home instruction of approved home instruction requests.~~ **The Superintendent shall bring to the School Committee any requests to homeschool for approval.**

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