

Instruction

Home Schooling

The Newtown Board of Education recognizes the right of parents to educate their children at home. Parents must follow state regulations regarding home school instruction. Parents must file with the Superintendent of Schools, a Notice of Intent form which provides basic information about the program to be provided for their child. A Notice of Intent must be filed annually.

The Newtown Board of Education believes that formal education in public schools is highly beneficial both for the child and for society.

Children educated at home are considered to be non-public school students and are not part of the system's educational responsibility and are not part of the school system.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-184 Duties of parents
 10-184a Special education programs not required for children in home or
 private schools
 10-220 Duties of boards of education

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Compliance with the following procedures will satisfy the statutory requirements for home instruction:

1. Parents shall file with the Superintendent of Schools a “Notice of Intent, Instruction of Student at Home” form. A Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one school year.
2. Filing a Notice of Intent must occur within 10 days of the start of the home instructional program.
3. The school district will receive the Notice of Intent, check it for completeness and keep it as part of the school’s permanent record. A complete form will be one which provides basic program information including the name(s) of teacher(s), the subjects to be taught, the days of instruction, and the teacher’s method of assessment.
4. A parent, by filing a Notice of Intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a Notice of Intent in no way constitutes approval by the school district of the content or effectiveness of a program of home instruction.
5. Newtown Public Schools has no obligation under the law to provide materials or services to children who are being home schooled. No special education or related services shall be provided to a child who is home schooled.
6. At the time of re-entry in grades 1-8, the school will assess for current level of academic functioning and the school will notify the parent of the current level of performance. Placement will remain at the discretion of the parent provided they have complied with Section 10-184 of the education law.
7. Newtown Public Schools will not promote or place a home schooled student in their high school without an official transcript from an accredited home school program, i.e., they will not place a student above ninth grade without documentation.
8. Home Schooled Students Participation on a CIAC school’s interscholastic team is extended only to student-athletes whose program is under the direct supervision of a CIAC member school. Home schooled students are not eligible to participate on CIAC schools’ interscholastic teams.

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Newtown, Connecticut

NOTICE OF INTENT
INSTRUCTION OF STUDENT AT HOME

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The subjects to be taught are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

I acknowledge and accept full responsibility for the education of my child in accordance with the requirements of State law.

Parent Signature

Date

I only acknowledge receipt of this form and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program.

Superintendent

Date