

**SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING)**

The Madrid-Waddington Central School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home instruction for their children. The child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

**Provision of Services to Home-Instructed Students**Regarding Home-Instructed Students:

They are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school or the District.

- a) They are not eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports.

However, at the option of the District, they may participate in intramural and other school-sponsored club activities. The School District does permit home-instructed students to participate in such extracurricular activities, providing they do not prevent an enrolled student from participating in said activities.

- b) The District is not required to loan available textbooks and other materials (e.g., library materials, microscopes, computer software, movie projectors).

However, the District may loan such textbooks and other materials provided that district enrolled students and/or programs are not negatively affected.

- c) The School District is not required to furnish health services.
- d) The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.
- e) The District is not authorized to and shall not make available to home-instructed students occupational and vocational education programs (career and technical education programs) and programs for the gifted in accordance with the provisions of the "Dual Enrollment Law."
- f) Special Education Services – Solely for the purpose of Education Law Section 3602-c, home-instructed students with disabilities are deemed to be students enrolled in and

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attending a non-public school, which enables them to receive special education services.

The Committee on Special Education (CSE) will develop an Individualized Education Services Program (IESP) for the student. The IESP shall be developed in the same manner and with the same content as an IEP. The Board of Education will determine a location where special education services are to be provided to a home-instructed student. This location may, but is not required to be, in the student's home.

- g) Students instructed at home shall be allowed to use school facilities, only as provided for community organizations in Policy #3281 – Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

Education Law Sections 3204, 3205,  
3210(2), 3212(2), 3240-42, 3602-c, and 4402  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)  
Sections 100.10 and 200.2(a)