

Home Schooling Policy

The 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 Board 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.

10-1842 Special education programs not required for children in home or private schools.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

Policy adopted by the Waterbury Board of Education on March 7, 2013

Home Schooling Regulations

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 (Appendix 10). A Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one school year.
2. Filing a Notice of Intent must occur within ten 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. Waterbury 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. Waterbury 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. Any previous action taken by the Waterbury School District in connection with home schooling will not apply after the approval of these regulations.

Home Schooling Regulations, continued

9. The City of Waterbury will adhere to the Connecticut Association of Schools and the CIAC (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, Inc.) rules and regulations for all extracurricular activities.
10. An annual portfolio review may be held with the parents and school officials to determine if instruction in the required courses has been given.
11. Any continued refusal by the parent to comply with the reasonable request of the school district for completion and filing of the Notice of Intent may cause the child to be considered truant



NOTICE OF INTENT
INSTRUCTION OF STUDENT AT HOME
(For District Use Only)

NAME OF STUDENT:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

NAME OF TEACHER:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

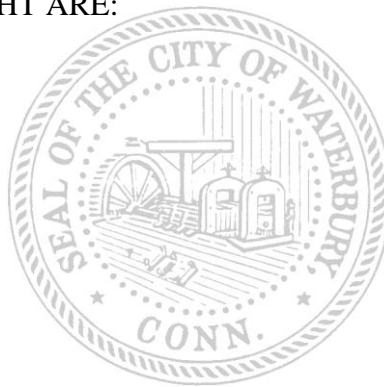
THE SUBJECTS TO BE TAUGHT ARE:

YES

NO

(REQUIRED)

READING
WRITING
SPELLING
ENGLISH GRAMMAR
GEOGRAPHY
ARITHMETIC
US HISTORY
CITIZENSHIP
(INCLUDING STUDY OF TOWN
STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS)



(RECOMMENDED)

SCIENCE

(OTHER)

TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS SCHEDULED FOR INSTRUCTION: _____

TEACHER'S METHODS OF ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS:

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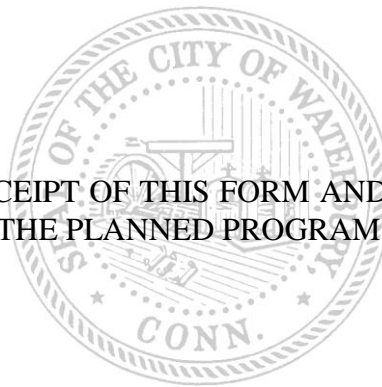
AN ANNUAL PORTFOLIO REVIEW WILL BE HELD ON OR ABOUT: _____

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION OF MY CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW.

PARENTS

DATE

I ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS FORM AND RENDER NO OPINION AS TO THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PLANNED PROGRAM.



SUPERINTENDENT

DATE