

FOSTER-GLOCESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Glocester, RI

HOME SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

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 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 the parents comply with Title 16-19-2 requirements of the General Laws of Rhode Island and be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The plan will state the name of the person(s) providing the home school instruction and need to show that the home school instructor will teach the required subjects.
2. State law requires that students be taught reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, history of Rhode Island, principles of American Government, health and physical education. Also, beginning with fourth grade, history and government of Rhode Island must be taught. In high school, the U.S. Constitution and Rhode Island Constitution must be taught.
3. That the parents maintain instructional attendance records as required by State of Rhode Island Law and will submit same to the Foster-Glocester Regional Schools. These instructional attendance records should show the same number of hours the public school is in session in the district – generally five and one half hours per day, for at least 180 days per year.
4. That there is agreement between the home school instructor and local school committee or their designee regarding how the child's academic progress will be evaluated. That may include formal testing or the creation of a portfolio consisting of a list of books read, field trips undertaken, art work, or any other papers germane to the proposed educational plan.
5. That the parents must submit an annual written assessment of their child (children's) progress. And,

6. That the Superintendent shall notify the School Committee members of the home school request and the school committee shall approve the request.

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