

Home Instruction Fact Sheet

Listed below are some pertinent facts about home instruction in New York State (under Section 100.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education) and East Ramapo Central School District (ERCSD) Administrative Regulations.

- ❖ Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Section 100.10 rests with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides. Section 100.10 also provides for parental appeals to the local board of education and the Commissioner of Education.
- ❖ If your child is not a registered ERCSD student during the submission of the IHIP, parent is to provide documentation of their child's proof of birth and residence within the school district (i.e., copy of Birth Certificate, and current bill with address).
- ❖ Home instructed students are allowed to borrow academic textbooks from their residential zone school. In order to do so, parents must register the student at the Central Registration Office. **[Click here to down load the Central Registration Packet \(www.eram.k12.ny.us/centralreg\)](http://www.eram.k12.ny.us/centralreg)**.
- ❖ Home instructed students are allowed to take all standardized and State assessment that our district administers at the time of the school's own testing program. Request for testing at the public school should be indicated in your child's IHIP. Only ERCSD registered students are eligible for this service. **[Click here to access the district testing calendar \(www.eram.k12.ny.us/testing\)](http://www.eram.k12.ny.us/testing)**.
- ❖ Home instructed students are not allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulation 135.4(c)(7) directs that a participant in interscholastic sports must be enrolled in the public school.
- ❖ Home instructed students do not have access to regular public school activities, including regular instruction and co-curricular/extra-curricular activities. The legislature has not authorized part-time attendance and, therefore, a student instructed at home may not participate in the instructional program of the school district.
- ❖ If you chose to **(a)** adhere to required courses identified in Part 100.10 of the Commissioner's Regulations and **(b)** provide an education equivalent to the public school curriculum. **[Click here to access the district curriculum](#)**.
- ❖ Home instructed students 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 Regents, the school or the district.

Probation:

- ❖ Home Schooling Program will be placed on probation dependent upon the option selected by the parents for complying with the annual assessment requirement of subdivision (h) of Section 100.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner.
- ❖ If parents submit test scores for an achievement test, the program will be placed on probation only if the composite score of the student is below the thirty-third percentile on national norms or the score fails to reflect one academic year of growth when compared to a prior test. The student's score on individual test subscores should not be considered in determining whether the program should be placed on probation.

- ❖ If parents submit a written narrative, the program will be placed on probation only if the evaluator certifies that the student has not made adequate academic progress.
- ❖ A school district may require home visits, upon three days' written notice to the parents, only when the home schooling program is on probation.
- ❖ The New York State Education Department's Non-Public School Services Team can provide further information about home schooling, (www.emsc.nysed.gov/nonpub/part10010.htm).

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