

Home Schooling

When a parent/guardian of a student who has attained the age of seven years and is below the age of 17 wants to establish a home-based educational program for a child, the following procedures shall be followed in accordance with law:

1. The parent/guardian must submit on an annual basis written notification of establishment of the home-based program to the district's director of student services 14 days before the program is established.
2. The parent/guardian must certify in writing, on a form provided by the district, the name, age, place of residence and number of hours of attendance of each of the children in the program.
3. The superintendent shall give the parent 14 days written notice to produce records required by law if there is probable cause to believe the program is not in compliance with the law.
4. Each student in a home-based program shall be evaluated when the student is in the third, fifth, seventh, ninth and 11th grades. The student's academic progress shall be evaluated either by giving a nationally standardized achievement test or by submitting an evaluation of the student conducted by a qualified person as defined in state law.

The director of student services shall be responsible for reviewing the student's evaluation which either shall be submitted to the district or to an independent or parochial school in Colorado. If the test or evaluation results are submitted to an independent or parochial school, the name of the school shall be provided to the district.

5. If the student's composite score on the test is above the 13th percentile, the student shall continue to be eligible for the home-based educational program. If the score is at or below the 13th percentile, the parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to have the student re-tested using an alternate version of the same test or a different nationally standardized test selected by the parent/guardian from a list supplied by the State Board of Education.
6. If the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is making sufficient academic progress according to ability, the student shall continue to be exempt from compulsory attendance.
7. If the composite score on a retest continues to be at or below the 13th percentile or if the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is not making sufficient academic progress the district shall take steps to require the parent/guardian to enroll the student in a public, independent or parochial school.

Extracurricular and interscholastic activities

Students participating in home-based educational programs shall have the same rights as district students to participate in district extracurricular and interscholastic activities if they meet the requirements of state law and district policy. Such participation is subject to the same rules of any interscholastic organization or association of which the district is a member.

If a student withdraws from the school district more than 15 days after the start of the school year and enters a home-based educational program, the school district shall remain the child's district of residence for purposes of extracurricular and interscholastic activities. If the child was eligible to participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activities when he or she withdrew, the child will remain eligible to participate for the remainder of the academic year.

Habitually truant students

Any student who has been declared habitually truant at any time during the last six months of attending public school before the proposed enrollment in a home-based educational program may not be enrolled unless the parent/guardian first submits a written description of the curricula to be used along with the written notification required in paragraph #1 above.

Re-entering district schools

A student from a home-based program may re-enter the district's schools at any time. With the consent of the student's parent/guardian, the district shall place the student at the grade level deemed most appropriate by the district. All students from home-based programs must demonstrate proficiency in the district-adopted content standards at their appropriate placement level. The district may test the student to determine placement.

The district shall accept the transcripts from a home-based educational program. In order to determine whether the courses and grades earned are consistent with district requirements and district academic standards, the district shall require submission of the students work or other proof of academic performance for each course for which credit toward graduation is sought. In addition, the district may administer testing to the student to verify the accuracy of the student's transcripts. The district may reject any transcripts that cannot be verified through such testing. See policy IKF.

Shared Schooling

The Board of Education shall allow all First through Twelfth grade students currently participating in an authorized home school program to enroll part-time in the Mancos School District Re-6.

The following requirements shall apply:

1. The student must have, on file in the district administration office, a home school notification form for the current school year and must be in compliance with all other requirements of the state home school law.
2. There must be room in the class for the student.
3. The student must be enrolled for enough class time for the school district to receive partial state funding. (At least 90 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact in the semester of the count date.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [22-7-409](#)(1.2)(d)(l)(C)(III) (*home school students not required to take state assessments*)
C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#) (*home-based education law*)
C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#)(3)(f) (*scores on nationally standardized tests or evaluations required in paragraph 4 above, are not considered when the state awards academic performance grades to each school*)
C.R.S. [22-33-107](#) (*compulsory attendance law*)
C.R.S. [22-32-116.5](#)(2) (*extracurricular and interscholastic activities*)

CROSS REFS.: [JGA](#), Assignment of New Students to Classes and Grade Levels
[JHB](#), Truancy
[JJJ](#), Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

NOTE 1: The parent/guardian of a student who wants to establish a home-based education program may chose any public school district in the state to be the students district of residence by notifying the district as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this policy. C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#)(3)(e) and C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#)(6)(a)(II)(A). However, if a student withdraws from public school more than 15 days after the start of the school year, the district from which the student withdraws remains the district of attendance for the purposes of extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

NOTE 2: Colorado law does not require a district to permit home-schooled students to attend only part of the educational program. However, if the district decides to permit part-time enrollment, and the student is enrolled for at least 90 hours of teacher-pupil instruction/contact time during the semester, the district may count the student and receive part-time state funding. C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#)(6); 1 CCR 301-39, 2254-R-5.13. The district could consider including in its home school policy that enrollment will be denied unless the student is enrolled for at least 90 hours per semester. If the district does not wish to maintain a minimum hours requirement, the district should make part time enrollment subject to district availability of space and resources.

NOTE 3: On or after July 1, 2008, any parent planning to establish a nonpublic home-based educational program shall provide written notice of the intent when the child is six years old. However, the parent is not required to actually establish the program until the child is seven years old.