

## Homeschool - Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **A Notice of Intent to provide home instruction shall be given on or before the date home instruction is to begin.**
- ❖ **Must I submit a notice of intent to homeschool every year?** No.  
Homeschool parents will now provide the county superintendent a one-time Notice of Intent. The NOI will remain in effect until the parent notifies the county superintendent upon termination of home instruction for a child who is of compulsory school attendance age OR upon establishing residence in a new county. At which time the parent shall notify the previous county superintendent and submit a new NOI to the superintendent of the new county of residence.
- ❖ **What should a notice of intent include?** The notice must include the name of the child, address and age of child, assurance that the child shall receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies and that the child shall be assessed annually.
- ❖ **May I use county textbooks?** Yes. Monongalia County Schools will provide textbooks if requested. MCS do not provide laptops or other technology related equipment. If a student is currently in MCS and leaves to homeschool, all technology equipment must be returned upon withdrawing from school.
- ❖ **May my child attend a class?** Yes. The homeschool provider may request that a homeschool student take a course at a public school. Homeschool students may take not more than one class. Homeschool students are subject to all class attendance and registration requirements as other students.
- ❖ **Can homeschool students enroll full time in on line schools?** A homeschool provider may use online resources to deliver the plan of instruction. *However*, a live instructor (provider) is required and the provider must submit evidence of having at least a high school diploma or GED. **If a homeschool provider does use online resources, grades provided by a vendor or results of vendor-assessments do not meet the standard for the required annual academic assessment. It should be further noted that no online schools are recognized in the state of West Virginia for the purpose of issuing a high school diploma.**
- ❖ **Are homeschool students eligible to receive special education services?** Under West Virginia state law, home schooled students are not considered to be private school students and the WV state compulsory attendance law (W.Va. Code §18-8-1) treats home schooled students differently than private school students. The obligation to provide FAPE specified by Policy 2419 does not include home-schooled students.

- ❖ **Can a homeschool provider have access to teacher manuals and teacher lesson plans used in the public school?** The county has no obligation to provide either teacher manuals or lesson plans.
- ❖ **Are homeschool parents required to adhere to state childhood immunization requirements?** Yes, if the child will be participating in an approved class in the public school or participating in the state assessment program at the public school site (unless alternate arrangements are made for the assessment).
- ❖ **Does a student who is homeschooled in grades 9 through 12 earn high school credits?** No. Public schools have no obligation to grant credits to a home school student who would transfer into a public school.
- ❖ **What curriculum does WV endorse?** The WV Board of Education and WV Department of Education offer no endorsement of any curricula for homeschool students. The choice of curriculum is the right of the homeschool parent.
- ❖ **Must I submit evidence of the instructor's high school diploma or equivalent?** Yes.
- ❖ **Must I obtain an annual assessment every year?** Yes. Homechool parents must obtain an annual assessment for your child and must maintain a record of that assessment for three (3) years.
- ❖ **Must I submit an assessment each year?** Results of the required assessment must be submitted to the county superintendent for any child in grades 3, 5, 8 and 11. Those results must be submitted by June 30th for the year in which the assessment was administered.
- ❖ **Any student between the ages of 15 & 17 must provide proof of assessment's in order to obtain and keep a driver's license.**
- ❖ **What should standardized achievement test include?** Reading, Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies and should not be older than 10 years from the date given.
- ❖ **Can a home school student participate in interscholastic athletics that are governed by the WVSSAC?** No.