

Notes for Technical Advisory on Home Education

The COVID-19 situation has caused an increase in the number of parents choosing to homeschool their children. Recent changes to the home education law and rules have left many school districts unsure of the requirements.

A family wishing to start homeschooling needs to send a letter of notification to a “participating agency,” either the superintendent of their school district, a private school, or the Commissioner of the NH Department of Education. This participating agency must send a letter of acknowledgement to the parent(s) within 14 days.

This notification only needs to include the name, address, and birthdate of the child.

Parents notify only ONCE. The notification remains in effect in future school years. If a parent stops homeschooling, they must notify their participating agency.

The parents do NOT need to have specific qualifications.

Parents do NOT need to submit a scope and sequence or other plan of instruction. School officials do not need to approve the home education program, simply acknowledge that they have received notification

Students do NOT need to attend their home education program for 180 days a year or for a certain number of hours each day. Students do NOT have to attend home school for certain days of the year or for certain hours in the day.

Parents do NOT need to teach each of the subjects required in the law (science, mathematics, language, government, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, the history of the constitutions of New Hampshire and the United States, and an exposure to and appreciation of art and music) every year.

The local school district must make arrangements to allow home educated students access to curricular and co-curricular programs.

The local school district does not need to continue special education services once a student starts a home education program, though many do chose to continue to provide services.

Details can be found in:

[RSA 193-A \(New Hampshire Home Education law\)](#)

[Ed315 \(Department of Education Administrative Rules\)](#)

[RSA 193:1 \(Compulsory Attendance Law\)](#)

[193:1-c Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic or Home Educated Pupils](#)