

HOME EDUCATION

Under the current Massachusetts Law a student may be exempt from public school attendance. A home education may be provided when the educational program has been approved by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee with notification to the School Committee. In making the determination that a home education program is of equivalent thoroughness and efficiency as the educational program in the local public schools, as required by MGL Chapter 76, Section 1 and Massachusetts decisional law issued thereunder, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall consider the competency of the teacher, the sufficiency of the curriculum, the resources and instructional materials and pupil hours of instruction.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall make an annual determination to approve/disapprove the educational plan after submission and a review of the proposed program. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may also provide for the periodic review of a student's progress through informal or formal assessments acceptable to the Superintendent or his/her designee and parent (s). If in the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee opinion, the home schooling program fails to meet the requirements of MGL Chapter 76, Section 1 as interpreted by the Massachusetts Courts, he/she shall make a recommendation to disapprove the home education program with notification to the School Committee.

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