

Home-Schooling

The Board recognizes the right of parents to teach their children at home and acknowledges the education service district's role in registering and monitoring test results for students who are being taught at home. Further, the Board is willing to assist parents in this endeavor if a request is made through the superintendent. The district will furnish basic course descriptions, state standards for elementary and secondary education, and, when available, may furnish basic instructional materials upon deposit of a loss/damage fee.

Students may, upon parent request, be allowed to participate in available "interscholastic activities," meaning athletics, music, speech and other similar or related activities, if space and materials are available. Such students must then adhere to regular attendance procedures as established by the school and must avoid disruption of said programs. These students may ride regularly scheduled school buses, but generally, parents are responsible for transportation for students attending selected school offerings.

The Board reaffirms its prerogative not to accept home instruction course credit toward graduation requirements except through accredited courses as outlined in Board policy JECDA.

Home-schooled students may participate in available interscholastic activities if the following requirements are met:

1. The student can meet the district eligibility requirements except the district or class attendance requirements.
2. Students need not meet class requirements of the governing association administering the interscholastic activities.
3. The student must meet one of the following:
 - a. The student must achieve the minimum score on an examination from the list adopted by the State Board of Education that places the student at or above the 23rd percentile based on national norms. The examination shall be taken at the end of each school year. The parent or guardian shall submit the examination results to the district. The student may participate while awaiting test results; or
 - b. The district may adopt alternative requirements, in consultation with the parent or guardian, that a student must meet to participate in interscholastic activities, including, but not limited to, a requirement that a student submit a portfolio of work samples to the district for review to determine whether a student is eligible to participate in interscholastic activities.
4. The student must fulfill the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance including related class or practice requirements of other students participating in the interscholastic activity. The students must meet the same standards for acceptance on the team or squad. The student must also comply with all public school requirements during the time of participation.

5. The student must reside in the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates.
6. Public school students who cannot maintain academic eligibility shall be ineligible to participate as home-schooled students during the duration of the school year in which the student becomes academically ineligible and for the following year. They must also take the required tests at the end of the second year and meet the standards to become eligible for the third year.
7. The Board does not grant high school credit for home school class nor grant diplomas to home-schooled students who reside within the district.
8. The Board will grant high school credit only to those courses administered through an accredited program.
9. Parents who elect home-schooling options are encouraged to pursue GED or community college diploma alternatives.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)
[ORS 339.030](#)
[ORS 339.035](#)
[ORS 339.450 to -339.460](#)

[OAR 581-021-0026 to -0029](#)
[OAR 581-021-0033](#)
[OAR 581-021-0071](#)

[OAR 581-021-0210](#)
[OAR 581-022-2505](#)