

HOME SCHOOLING

The Superintendent/designee may excuse from compulsory school attendance, for not more than one school year at a time, any school-age child who is being home schooled in accordance with the State Board of Education rules in the Ohio Administrative Code.

The child being home schooled must be instructed by an individual with one of the following qualifications:

1. a high school diploma;
2. a certificate of high school equivalence;
3. standardized test scores that demonstrate high school equivalence or
4. other credentials found appropriate by the Superintendent.

Lacking the above, the home teacher must work under the direction of a person holding a baccalaureate degree.

Any request to be excused must be made in writing by the parent(s) and must contain the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code.

The Superintendent/designee shall approve the home schooling request, unless he/she determines that the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code has not been provided or unless he/she has substantial evidence that the minimum educational requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code have not been met, despite the fact that the required information has been provided by the parent(s).

If the Superintendent/designee intends to deny the request for home schooling, he/she notifies the parent(s) within 14 calendar days and informs the parent(s) of the reasons for the intent to deny the request and of the parent(s)' right to a due process hearing before the Superintendent/designee.

Upon substantial evidence of cessation of home schooling in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code, the Superintendent/designee notifies the parent(s) of the intent to revoke the excuse and of the parent(s)' right to a due process hearing before the Superintendent/designee.

Although students choosing home schooling are not the direct responsibility of the Hilliard City Schools, the Board and staff share an interest in their education; therefore, the District will permit students receiving home schooling access to certain services from the District as follows:

Elementary Level, Grades K-5

1. Enrollment on a part-time basis all school year, with a minimum of two subject areas.
2. Home schooled students who are enrolled on a part-time basis may participate in field trips or cocurricular activities related to the courses or subject areas for which they are enrolled.

Secondary Level, Grades 6-12

1. May enroll on a part-time basis all school year, with a minimum of two courses/units and a maximum of 4 courses/units.
2. Home schooled students who are enrolled on a part-time basis may participate in field trips or cocurricular activities related to the courses or subject areas for which they are enrolled.
3. Athletic eligibility will be determined by OHSSA guidelines and the District's athletic policy.

Students enrolling part-time must be residents of the District and follow regular school enrollment requirements, comply with and be held accountable to the District student code of conduct and be in accordance with the District "Home Schooling Regulations" (IGCF-R)

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3321.04
OAC Chapter 3301-34

CROSS REFS.: IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
JECBC, Admission of Students from Nonchartered or Home Schooling
JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance