

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Section: 100 PROGRAMS

Title: Home Education
Programs

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137 HOME EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to every student receiving a well-rounded education and graduating ready for college and careers. The purpose of this Policy is to require the School District of Philadelphia (“District”) to provide the minimum requirements on how home education programs can comply with law and meet these goals, while acknowledging the law’s intent to provide flexibility to those administering the home education program.

Definitions

Appropriate education: A program consisting of instruction in the required subjects for the time required by law and in which the student demonstrates sustained progress in the overall program.[1]

Compulsory school age: The period of a child's life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child enter school and which shall be no later than six (6) years of age until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age. The term does not include a child who holds a certificate of graduation from a regularly accredited, licensed, registered or approved high school.[2]

Home education program: A program conducted in compliance with law by the parent/guardian or person having legal custody of a child. A home education program shall not be considered a nonpublic school under the provisions of law.[1]

Authority

The Pennsylvania Public School Code requires that home education programs provide an appropriate education for students of compulsory school age residing in the District and that home education programs shall be conducted in accordance with state law and regulations.[1][2][3][4]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or their designee, through the Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services, shall develop Administrative Procedures for registering and monitoring home education programs. The Administrative Procedures shall outline what the District is required to provide to those who inquire with regards to home education programs.

Legal References:

1. 24 P.S. § 1327.1
2. 24 P.S. § 13-1326
3. 24 P.S. § 1327
4. 22 PA Code § 11.31a

Related Information:

[Administrative Procedures for Home Education Programs](#)