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~~This
is the OSBA sample policy.**~~**
Home Education Instruction

Home education is the education of a child between the ages of six and 18 years of age, who is receiving home education directed by the child's parent in the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, history, government, and social studies, and who is not enrolled full time in a public or chartered nonpublic school.

Within five calendar days after commencing home education, moving into a new school district, or withdrawing from a public or nonpublic school, a parent or guardian of a child receiving home education must submit a notice to the Superintendent including the child's name, address, and an assurance that the child will receive education in the subject areas required. In subsequent years, a parent or guardian must provide notice to the District by August 30 that the child will be receiving home education.

Upon receipt of the parent's notice, the child is exempted from compulsory attendance to the schools in the District. The child is not required to be excused from compulsory attendance. The Superintendent provides a written acknowledgment of receipt of the notice within 14 days after receipt.

If there is evidence that a child exempt from compulsory attendance is not receiving an education in the subject areas required, the child and parent are subject to examination into cases of truancy.

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

~~**The child being instructed at home 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 OAC.**~~

~~**The Superintendent approves the home instruction request unless he/she determines that the information required by OAC has not been provided or unless he/she has substantial evidence that the minimum educational OAC requirements have not been met, despite the fact that the required information has been provided by the parent(s).**~~

~~**If the Superintendent intends to deny the request for home instruction, 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.**~~

~~**Upon substantial evidence of cessation of home instruction in accordance with OAC, the Superintendent 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.**~~

Cross References

JECBC, Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education
JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions From School Attendance

NOTE: *House Bill 33 (2023) revised the requirements for excusal for home education to remove the approval process in place under prior law. The requirement for the parent to submit a letter requesting an excuse from compulsory attendance no longer applies. Parents are still required to submit a notice to the superintendent of the child's district of residence informing the district that they will be providing home education to the child. The notice must be provided within five calendar days after the family commences home education. In subsequent years, the child's parent must provide notice to the superintendent by Aug. 30. Parents are no longer required to provide any assurances about the hours of instruction the student will receive, information about curriculum or textbooks, or annual academic assessments.*

The exemption is effective immediately upon the District's receipt of the notice. There is no longer a requirement for the Superintendent to review or approve the information provided by the student's parents. Instead, the law requires the Superintendent to provide, within 14 days after the notice letter is received, a written acknowledgment of receipt.

The law also provides that Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3321.042 shall not be subject to any rules adopted by the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) or its director.

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[ORC 3321.04](#)

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[ORC 3321.19](#)