

WELCOME!

**THE DISTRICT HOME SCHOOL CONTACT
TRAINING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM**



ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION



HOME SCHOOL TRAINING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTACTS

2017-2018

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TRAINING SECTIONS

- Digital Learning
- Changes for 2017-2018
- Clarifications and Reminders
- Entering Paper Forms in the Home School Database



NEW ACTS

- **Act 173: Allows a Student Who Attends a Private or Home School to Enroll in an Academic Course Within the Public School System**
- **Act 453: Allows Home School Students to Participate in Interscholastic Activities at Private Schools**
- **Act 592: Participation of Home School Students in Interscholastic Activities**
- **Act 635: Amend Provisions Concerning Home School**
- **Act 863: Enrollment or Re-enrollment of a Home School Student into the Public School**



DIGITAL LEARNING LAW

The law allows home school and private school students to participate in any distance learning course offered in the local school district or open-enrollment public charter school.


- The school district is entitled to 1/6 of the state foundation funding for each course taught.
- A home school or private school student accessing a distance learning course agrees to physically attend the school for the purposes of taking state test or assessments **required** for completion of the course.
- Only items required to complete the course or state test can be given to the home school or private school student.
- No other assessments can be required.



TRAINING SECTIONS-SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Enrollment or Re-enrollment of a Home School Student in Public School
- Participation of Home School Students in Interscholastic Activities
- Participation of Home School Students In Interscholastic Activities at a Private School
- Participation of a Home School Student Who Wants to Enroll in a Private School or Public School For the Purpose of Taking an Academic Course
- Changes to the 2017-2018 Notice of Intent





**The Home School Student
that Enrolls or Re-Enrolls in
a Public School Has the
Same Rights and Privileges
That Are Available to Public
School Students.**

ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Home school students cannot be denied:
 - Award of course credits that are earned in the home school
 - Placement in the proper grade level and promotion to the next grade level
 - A diploma or graduation if enrolled in the public school 9 months before graduation
 - To participate in any academic or extracurricular activity
 - Membership in school-sponsored clubs, associations, or organizations
 - Scholarships



ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

To Enroll or Re-enroll in a public school, a home school student will need to submit the following items to the public school:

- Transcript listing all courses taken and semester grades from the home school
- Score of at least the thirtieth percentile on a nationally norm-referenced assessment taken in the past year



ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

A Portfolio of indicators of the home school student's academic progress including without limitation:

- **Curriculum that was used in the home school**
- **Tests taken and lessons completed by the home school student**
- **Other indicators of home school student's academic progress**



ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Home School Student That Enrolls or Re-enrolls in the Public School Will Need To Be Placed At a Grade Level and Academic Course Level That is Equivalent to or Higher Than the Home School Student's Grade Level or Academic Course Level in the Home School



ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

If the Student is Unable to Provide a Nationally Recognized Norm-Referenced Test Score the Public School Will Have To:

- **Assess the student using a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment**
- **Waive the nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment requirement**
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ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

- If the Home School Student Does Not Meet the Requirements For Enrollment or Re-enrollment the Public School has the Sole Authority to Determine the Student's Grade Placement Based On the Same Methods That Are Used When a Student Attended Any Other Public or Private School and Enrolls or Re-enrolls in the Public School.
- A Public School Can Waive All of the Requirements and Enroll the Student by Mutual Agreement with the Parent or Legal Guardian.
- A Home School Student Who Enrolls or Re-enrolls in a Local Public School Has to Attend Classes For at Least Nine (9) Months Immediately Before Graduation If They are to Become Eligible to Graduate From the Public School With a Diploma.



ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT INTO PUBLIC SCHOOL:

- To Place a Student in the Correct Grade
 - By mutual agreement between the public school and the home school student's parent or legal guardian (if the student is unable to provide a nationally recognized norm-referenced test score the school can:
 - Assess the student using a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment
 - Waive the nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment requirement
 - If the home school student does not meet the requirements by law the public school district has the sole authority to determine the grade place and/or course credits based on the same methods used when a student who attended another public or private school enrolls.



PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A home schooled student can only participate in interscholastic activities at one (1) public school at a time.
- If a Home School Student is Unable to Meet the Requirements of a Public School Because They Are Home Schooled; Then the Public School Will Have to Provide a Reasonable Alternative to Any Prerequisite for Eligibility in order to Allow the Student to Participate in an Interscholastic Activity.



PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Students may be required to enroll in one course. The student is required to take the state test if that course is tested.**
- **The Public School Has to Provide the Home School Student With the Same Opportunity to Participate in an Interscholastic Activity as a Public School Student.**



PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES (NON-ATHLETIC)

**A Home School Student Can Participate in
Interscholastic Activities That is Non-Athletic
Immediately Upon Being Approved.**



PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES (ATHLETIC SEVENTH GRADE)

- **A Home School Student Can Immediately Participate in Rehearsals, Tryouts, Practices, Auditions , Classes, or Other Endeavors Associated With the Interscholastic Activity That is an Athletic Activity.**
- **A Home School Student Can Begin Participating in an Interscholastic Activity That is an Athletic Activity Immediately Upon Being Approved to Participate if the Student is Approved by July 1 of the School Year the Student Will be Enrolled in grade Seven (7).**



CLARIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

- A student is not allowed to home school if a registered sex offender lives in the home.
- The sentencing court can waive this.
- This does not apply if the student to be home schooled is the registered sex offender.



MOVING INTO A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- If a home school student moves into a district from another state they will need to fill out a new Notice of Intent (they have 30 days to do this)
- If a home school student is moving from district to district they can call or email ADE and give us their correct information: new address, new school district, etc.



ELIGIBILITY TO HOME SCHOOL

- NO public school student will be eligible for enrollment in a home school if they are currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy, including, but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences.
- Public school students who are under disciplinary action by the local school district can be eligible for enrollment in a home school if:
 - The superintendent or local school district board of directors chooses to allow the child to enroll in a home school
 - The disciplinary action against the student has been completed or the school semester has ended, whichever occurs first.
 - The student has been expelled.



**ENTERING PAPER FORM INFORMATION
INTO THE HOME SCHOOL DATABASE**

ENTERING DATA

- District personnel will be trained to enter the information from the paper forms into the state home school data base.
- Encourage parents/guardians to use the on-line form.
- After entering the data send original copy to ADE.



CHANGES TO 2017-2018 NOTICE OF INTENT

- These items are no longer required on the Notice of Intent:
 - Physical Address
 - Parent Educational Background
 - Curriculum
 - Schedule
 - Previous Grade of Student
 - Waiver Form



HOME SCHOOL CONTACT CHANGES

If You Have Contact Personnel
Changes for Home School Please
Contact the ADE Office as Soon as You
Get Them.



**THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO AND FOR YOUR PROFESSIONALISM.
IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO YOU PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE
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