

Wilson Area School District

Home Education

The Board of School Directors recognizes that in certain instances parents may wish to provide home education as an alternative to the regular instructional program. Such education must be in conformity with standards promulgated by the State government.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish guidelines for the approval of home education requests on an annual basis. Such approval shall contain provisions for review and measurement of student progress.

A portfolio and annual written evaluation by an approved evaluator shall be provided to the Superintendent of the school district of residence at the conclusion of each public school year. The Superintendent will determine if an "appropriate education" is occurring, and if the student is demonstrating "sustained progress in the overall program." If at any time during the school year the Superintendent has a reasonable belief that appropriate education is not occurring, the Superintendent may require submission of the portfolio within 15 days and written evaluation within 30 days.

The district will loan copies of the school district's planned courses, textbooks, and other curriculum materials appropriate to the student's age and grade level. Such loan will be made upon request of the home school supervisor, provided the district has extra copies of texts and curriculum materials. The district will not as a rule loan other instructional aids or equipment. An appropriate deposit will be required for loaned materials.

The district may permit participation of a home-schooled student in specific or certain classes of the schools, in field trips or special events. **Home-schooled students may participate in school district interscholastic sports and activities. Students wishing to participate must notify the appropriate building principal and athletic administrator. Participants must comply with school and district regulations (Extra-Curricular Discipline Code 5117, 5117.1, student handbooks, guidelines, etc.) as well as any athletic or governing body regulations (PIAA, Colonial League, etc.)**

The district will not offer health or medical services, or counseling or psychological services to a home-schooled student.

The district will allow home-schooled students to participate in the school's standardized achievement program as well as the PA State System of Assessment. A fee may be charged to cover the cost of materials and scoring.

A student returning to the Wilson Area School District will be placed in the grade with age-appropriate peers. Either the parent or the district can request psychological testing to determine the child's most appropriate academic placement and need for special services.

The district will not award a Wilson High School diploma to a student unless he/she has participated in a four-year accredited site-based high school program and presents evidence of such, or he/she has been enrolled in the Wilson Area High School for the entire senior year.