Home Education Plan Proposal

The Salem Public School District School Committee recognizes the right of parents to educate their children outside of a school setting as provided by General Laws Chapter 76, Section 1. The law requires, however, that a child being educated outside of school must also be instructed in a manner approved, in advance, by the superintendent or designee. The Salem Public School District does not approve home education programs for anything less than a full-time instructional program.

Instructions: Parents/guardians must obtain approval annually from the superintendent of schools or designee prior to beginning a home education program. Please complete this proposal and forward to M. Kate Carbone, Salem Public School, 29 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA 01970. This document is also located on the Salem website www.salemk12.org and can be completed and emailed to katecarbone@salemk12.org

I. Home Education Plan for the academic year: ____________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Telephone (day): ___________________ Evening: _____________

Email Address: _____________________________________________

Student Name: _____________________________________________

Date of Birth: _____________________________________________

Current year: Age as of Sept. 1 __________ Grade Level __________

II. Please describe the qualifications of the person(s) instructing the child. Include academic preparation, life experience, or other qualities that may enhance the quality of instruction. Teacher certification is not required.

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III. Please complete the attached sheets to describe the instructional program to be taught including subjects, scope, major goals and objectives for the child, and the methods to be used in each area. The subjects required by state law are English Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Science, Science and Technology/Engineering, Health and Physical Education, Arts, and World Languages (M.G.L. Chapter 71, Sections 1, 2, and 3 and related regulations: M.G.L. Chapter 69, Section 1D).

IV. Parents may select the method of evaluation that they wish to use to monitor student progress. Results of the evaluation are to be mailed to:

M. Kate Carbone
Assistant Superintendent
Salem Public Schools
29 Highland Avenue
Salem, MA 01970

- Portfolio that contains work samples with progress report submitted by June 30 of the home education year.
- Standardized test results submitted by June 30 of the home education year.
  Name of test:
- An independent report made by someone acceptable to either the superintendent (or designed) and the house educator(s) and submitted by June 30 of the home education year.
  Name of Independent Reporter/Organization:

V. The following signature confirms the intent to provide a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary and middle school levels and 990 hours at the high school level.

________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian                                        Date

VI. The signature of the school official indicates final confirmation of this proposal. A copy of the signed form will be sent to the parents with approval letter.

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Signature of Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent              Date

VII. Appeal process: If the parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the decision on this proposal, an appeal may be made in writing. Parents have the right to a hearing to explain their plan and answer any questions. They may be represented by counsel and shall be provided reasonable notice of the time and place of such a hearing.
Textbooks and Materials

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade ___________

Please list the textbooks and materials for the following: Mathematics, English (reading, writing, English language and grammar), Social Studies (geography and history), Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and Foreign Language (Middle and High School).

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Home Education Support Organizations

Regional:

Massachusetts Home School Organization of Parent Educators (Mass HOPE)
5 Atwood Road
Cherry Valley, MA 01611
Phone: 508-755-4467
Fax: 508-791-8165
Website: http://www.masshope.org

Massachusetts Home Learning Association
Website: http://www.mhla.org

Catholic Homeschoolers in Massachusetts East (C.H.I.M.E.)
Phone: 978-794-4630
Email: CHIMEInfo@yahoo.com

Muslim Home School Network and Resource (M.H.S.N.R.)
Phone: 508-226-1638

Northeast Office of the Homeschool Support Network
P. O. Box 1056
Gray, ME 04039
Phone: 207-657-2800
(This organization publishes a bi-monthly magazine: Home Educator: Family Times—contact is Shirley Minster)

National:

Home School Legal Defense Association
P. O. Box 3000
Purcellville, VA 20134
Phone: 540-338-5600
Fax: 540-364-2827
Website: http://www.hslda.org

National Home Education Research Institute
P. O. Box 13939
Salem, Oregon 97309
Phone: 503-364-1490
Fax: 503-364-2827
Website: http://www.nheri.org

Massachusetts Department of Education

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