

HOMESCHOOLING

1.0 Enrollment in Homeschooling.

1.1 Parents or legal guardians seeking to establish a homeschooling program for their student(s) need to complete a Notification of Intent to Homeschool Form at least 14 days prior to the intended start date of the homeschooling program. The Notification of Intent is attached as Exhibit A.

1.2 The student's eligibility for homeschooling must be reviewed and approved by District administration prior to the student being permitted to withdraw from school for the purpose of homeschooling.

1.3 A new Notification of Intent to Homeschool form should be submitted annually at least 14 days prior to the first day of school for continued enrollment in a homeschooling program. District records of homeschoolers may be destroyed after one year if annual written notification is not received notifying of intent to continue homeschooling.

2.0 Eligibility for Homeschooling.

2.1 Homeschooled students must be engaged in schooling a minimum of four hours of instructional contact per day, 172 days per school year.

2.2 Students with a history of habitual truancy within the last six (6) months of school enrollment may be required to submit specific curriculum materials in addition to the Notification of Intent to Homeschool form when requesting to withdraw to homeschool.

2.3 Requests for admission of homeschool students into a District charter school should be submitted directly to the charter school in which the student is seeking admission. Such requests will be considered according to the charter school's existing admission procedures.

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3.0 Curriculum and Assessment.

3.1 The District does not provide instructional materials or textbooks for use in homeschool programs.

3.2 Homeschool students are permitted to participate in District-sponsored CSAP testing free of charge provided they meet annual registration deadlines.

3.3 Parents or legal guardians of homeschool students must arrange for evaluation of the student by a nationally standardized achievement test or by a qualified person as described in state law when the child is in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Assessment results for the appointed grade levels should be submitted to the Superintendent or designee prior to the student promoting to the next grade each fall. The District will accept satisfactory performance on CSAP assessments in lieu of nationally standardized testing.

4.0 Part-Time Enrollment in District Schools.

4.1 Homeschool students requesting enrollment in any District school for individual classes must be enrolled in a course schedule that satisfies part-time funding requirements. Part-time students must be scheduled for school at least 90 hours but less than 360 hours of pupil-teacher contact and instruction in the semester of the official count date.

4.2 In-District Homeschool Students.

4.2.1 Requests for part-time enrollment by homeschool students who reside in the District should be submitted in writing by September 15th of the school year during which enrollment is requested. Enrollment is limited to the student's neighborhood school as determined by District attendance boundaries, or to schools otherwise designated as being open to school choice. Requests will be considered based on space and scheduling availability. Once approved, attendance must begin by October 1st for funding purposes.

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4.2.2 After September 15th, homeschool students who reside in the district may still request part-time enrollment. Enrollment is limited to the student's neighborhood school as determined by attendance boundaries. Requests will be considered based on space and scheduling availability. Once approved, enrollment may be delayed until an appropriate grading period break at the discretion of the principal.

4.3 Out-Of-District Homeschool Students.

4.3.1 Requests for part-time enrollment by homeschool students who reside outside the district should be submitted in writing prior to September 15th of the school year during which enrollment is requested. Requests will be considered based on space and scheduling availability. Once approved, attendance must begin by October 1st for funding purposes.

4.3.2 After September 15th requests for part-time enrollment by homeschool students who reside outside the district will be considered for possible admission the following August.

4.4 In all cases part-time enrollment requires parents to complete all standard enrollment documentation including current address verification, immunizations, and emergency contact information.

5.0 Placement and Credits of Students Enrolling (Part or Full Time) from a Homeschool Program.

5.1 Elementary and Middle School Students.

5.1.1 Elementary and middle school students enrolling from homeschooling are eligible to enroll at their neighborhood school as determined by address.

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5.1.2 Students are typically placed at the grade level of their same age peers unless academic or assessment records indicate otherwise.

5.1.3 Grade placement and course schedules may be adjusted within the first year of enrollment from homeschooling as academic proficiency is determined by the school.

5.2 High School Students.

5.2.1 High school students seeking enrollment in a District high school from homeschooling are eligible to enroll at their neighborhood school as determined by address at the next available grading period break (quarter or semester) deemed appropriate by the principal.

5.2.2 Full credit and grades will be awarded for credits earned in any District school and/or from any Colorado school District, charter school or online school that is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education.

5.2.3 Grades from schools which are not accredited by the Colorado Department of Education will be recorded as either pass or fail on the transcript.

5.2.4 Transcripts may reflect a specific course or may reflect the subject area of the coursework completed through homeschooling.

5.2.5 For the purpose of assisting in the evaluation of the validity of homeschooling credits students may be asked to complete a credit application form including appropriate documentation for each credit requested.

5.3 In all cases principals reserve the right to require additional documentation to verify proficiency prior to credit being awarded on a transcript. Appeals of homeschool credit decisions shall be reviewed and acted upon by the building principal. The next level of appeal shall be to the appropriate Executive Director of Schools.

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6.0 Graduation.

6.1 To be eligible to receive a District diploma students enrolling from homeschool must attend a minimum of four (4) quarters during the senior year and must earn five (5) credits during the senior year at the high school issuing the diploma.

7.0 Special Education Services.

7.1 The District is not responsible to provide special education services to students who withdraw from school to homeschooling, nor is a change of placement staffing required for such cases.

7.2 When a parent seeks to reenroll a student with a history of receiving special education services back into the District, available current and former special education records will be reviewed to determine whether the student remains eligible to receive special education services or whether new eligibility assessments must be conducted.

7.3 Consistent with its obligation to locate, identify and evaluate students who may have a disability and be eligible for special education services, parents of homeschool students may request a special education assessment for the purpose of determination of disability and eligibility for special education.

7.4 Homeschool students seeking special education or other unique support services, including enrollment in special classes, shall be subject to part-time enrollment requirements described in Section 4.0 of this policy.

8.0 Participation in Athletics and/or Extracurricular Activities.

8.1 Students participating in a homeschool program and who have submitted the notice described in Section 1.0 to the District may participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in the District as provided below:

8.1.1 The activity must not be offered in the student's homeschool program.

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8.1.2 If the student resides within the District, the student shall participate in the activity at the student's neighborhood school as determined by address unless such school does not offer the activity; in such case, the student shall participate in the District school closest to the student's residence that offers the activity.

8.1.3 If the student resides outside the District, the student shall participate in the activity at the District school closest to the student's residence unless the school does not offer the activity or the District Athletic Director determines that the program or activity at such school is at capacity. In such case, the student shall be assigned to the District school, not at capacity, which is nearest to the student's residence and which offers the activity.

8.1.4 The student must meet and maintain eligibility requirements in accordance with applicable law, District policies, and requirements of the Colorado High School Activities Association.

8.1.5 The provisions of Sections 8.1.2 and 8.1.3 shall not operate to require that a student change schools of participation in an activity if such student has participated in an activity at a District school prior to the 2008-09 school year.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

CRS 22-7-409(1.3)(b)
CRS 33-7-409(III)(1.3)(b)
CRS 22-32-116.5(5.5)
CRS 22-33-104.5
CCR 301.8 (4.01)

CROSS REFERENCE:

Policy: 5020
Policy: 6250



Adams 12 Five Star Schools Notification of Intent to Homeschool

Notice of intent to provide a homeschool (home-based) education program is required each school year. Notification must be submitted a minimum of 14 days prior to beginning a homeschool program. Students will not be withdrawn from school to enroll in homeschooling until approved by the District's Office of Intervention Services.

A Notification of Intent to Homeschool form should be submitted annually for each child being homeschooled. Return to:

**Adams 12 Five Star Schools
Office of Intervention Services
1500 E. 128th Ave.
Thornton CO 80241
720-972-4146**

Required Information

Student _____ Date _____ Current Grade _____

School Year _____ Birthdate _____

Parent(s) _____ Phone (H) _____ Phone: (W) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Planned number of hours of instruction per day? _____ Planned days of instruction per school year? _____

Optional Information

Has student attended school previously? _____ If yes, most recent school attended? _____

If yes, most recent year attended? _____ If yes, most recent grade completed? _____

Has your child ever received Special Education Services? _____ If yes, date of most recent I.E.P.? _____

Ethnic Information

_____ American Indian _____ Asian _____ Black / African American _____ Hispanic / Latino
_____ Caucasian / Europe / Middle Eastern _____ Pacific Islander / Hawaiian

In compliance with the Colorado Revised Statute (22-33-104.5)(3)(g), records of each child participating in a Home-Based Educational Program will be maintained on a permanent basis by the parent or guardian supervising the program.

The District does not provide curriculum materials for homeschooling.

Students with a history of habitual truancy within the last six (6) months of enrollment may be required to submit specific curriculum materials in addition to the Notification of Intent to Homeschool form when requesting to withdraw to homeschool.

The District should be notified immediately if the homeschool program will be discontinued for any reason.

Additional information about homeschooling is provided in Superintendent's Policy 6290, Homeschooling, and on the Colorado Department of Education website at www.cde.state.co.us

I have received Superintendent's Policy 6290, Homeschooling, and wish to have my student designated homeschooled.

Parent Signature

Date