

Regulation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: Policy IFQ/605.17

Responsible Office: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

HOME SCHOOLING

A. PURPOSE

To establish a procedure to be used by the superintendent of each local school system to determine if a child participating in a home school program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.

B. BACKGROUND

COMAR (13A.10.01) requires that Anne Arundel County Public Schools establish procedures to determine if a child participating in a home school program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the School year in studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.

C. PROCEDURES

1. All inquiries regarding home schooling will be referred to the Home School Office.
2. Authorization for Application
 - a. Upon request, the Home School Office will furnish parents copies of Guidelines for Home Schooling, COMAR 13A.10.01 (July 1987, revised July 27, 1991 and revised July 2003), and the “Notification” form governing home instruction programs (MSDE/PS).
 - b. Application for home schooling will consist of a completed “Notification” form. The form will be submitted to the Home School Office, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. The form will be checked for completeness and the signature of the Home School Coordinator entered into the appropriate block signifying acceptance and registration.

3. Notification of Acceptance

- a. A letter will be initiated by the Home School Office to the applicant establishing receipt and acceptance of the “Notification” form, and recognizing that home schooling will occur.
- b. The Home School Office will verify the public school which the student(s) would attend were the student(s) attending a public school, and will notify the principal.
- c. If the parent indicates that the student(s) are to be included in standardized testing programs, the principal(s) will be notified.
- d. If students are to be included in the standardized testing program, the respective school principals will notify the parents of all testing dates and where the student is to report for testing. The parent will be furnished the test results by the Home School Office.

4. Renewal of Home School Authorization

- a. The “Notification” forms will remain valid unless rescinded by the parent making application to home school or until the Superintendent of Schools rescinds authorization to home school because of parental failure to comply with the provisions of COMAR 13A.10.01.
- b. Parents are required to provide annual verification of continuation of home schooling to the home school program’s supervising nonpublic school; institution or the Home School Office.
- c. Should the Superintendent rescind authorization to home school, the parent(s) will be notified by registered mail.
 - (1) If a parent/guardian does not agree to the requirements of Regulation 13A.10.01B, C, and D, of the COMAR, the child shall be enrolled promptly in a public school or nonpublic school as defined in COMAR 13A.09.09.01B(4).
 - (2) If a local superintendent determines on the review that the child is not receiving a regular, thorough instructional program in conformity with Regulation 13A.10.01C and D, the local superintendent shall notify the parent/guardian in writing of the deficiencies in the program.
 - (3) Within 30 days of receipt of notification of deficiencies, the parent/guardian shall provide to the local superintendent that the

deficiency has been or is being corrected.

- (4) If the local superintendent determines there is not a satisfactory plan to correct a deficiency or if a deficiency is not corrected, a child shall be enrolled promptly in a public school or a nonpublic school as defined in COMAR 13A.09.09.02B(4)(a).

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