

**JBC(2)-R Home Study**

12/14/16

**RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:**

The Cobb County School District (District) recognizes that parents or guardians may teach their children at home in a home study program which meets the requirements of state law and this Administrative Rule.

**RULE:**

The regulations for withdrawing a student to participate in the Home Study Program and the regulations for re-entering the District after participation in the Home Study Program are as follows.

**A. WITHDRAWING A STUDENT TO ENTER HOME STUDY PROGRAM:**

1. When a parent/guardian requests a local school to withdraw his/her child for the purpose of entering a Home Study Program, the school should:
  - a. Refer the parent/guardian to the Georgia Department of Education's website; and
  - b. Inform the parent/guardian that if a student withdraws during the semester, he/she will lose credit for all courses enrolled for the semester.
2. District curriculum guides, syllabi, basal texts, supplemental materials and other related instructional materials are not available on a loan, lease or purchase basis to a home study parent/guardian.
3. Parents or guardians meeting the requirements established by state law and the Georgia Department of Education, may teach only their own children, or may hire a tutor that meets requirements established by the Georgia Department of Education and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.
4. The parent/guardian must withdraw his/her child from the local school after the Declaration of Intent has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Education.
5. The state regulations governing the operation of a home study program are contained in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690 and available through the Georgia Department of Education.

**B. ENTERING A STUDENT IN A LOCAL SCHOOL FROM HOME STUDY:**

1. **Elementary/Middle School (Grades K-8):**
  - a. All students entering a Cobb County elementary or middle school from a home study program shall be evaluated for placement based on the following criteria:
    - (1) State Board of Education policy and District Administrative Rule requirements relating to entrance into kindergarten or first grade.
    - (2) Chronological age based on a certifiable document.
    - (3) Performance on standardized tests and/or instructional placement tests.
    - (4) Age, physical size, social and emotional maturity levels of the student.
  - b. After reviewing the above criteria the local school shall place the student in the appropriate grade level. A review of the placement will be conducted after six weeks to determine final placement.
2. **High School Students (Grades 9-12):**
  - a. All students entering a Cobb County high school from a home study program shall be admitted and evaluated for placement based on the guidelines found in District Administrative Rules regarding receiving credit from Non-accredited Schools and or/Home Schools as provided in Administrative Rule IHA-R (Grading Systems).
  - b. The student/parent will present a transcript of work done in the Home Study Program to the school at the time of registration. The transcript should include the specific

names, numeric grades earned, and the number of clock hours of instruction for each course.

- c. Students who have been enrolled in the home study program must meet all state assessment criteria, as well as meet State of Georgia and District graduation requirements before a diploma will be issued.
- d. Eligibility for extra-curricular participation is the same for home study students entering the system as that required of all District students.

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Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-2-159	Special education services for students in home study programs
O.C.G.A. 20-2-150	Eligibility for enrollment
O.C.G.A. 20-2-306	Honors program; residential high school program
O.C.G.A. 20-2-690	Requirements for private schools and home study programs
O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1	Mandatory education for children between 6 and 16
O.C.G.A. 20-2-693	Exemptions
O.C.G.A. 20-2-694	Administration/enforcement of attendance requirements
O.C.G.A. 20-2-697	Cooperation of principals and teachers with attendance officers and visiting teachers
O.C.G.A. 20-2-698	Assumption of temporary custody of truant children by peace officers
O.C.G.A. 20-2-701	Mandatory reporting of truants to juvenile or other courts