

EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS GOALS

The School Committee appreciates the place and importance of an educational system in its greater environment, which includes other organizations and institutions dedicated to education. It believes that much is gained through cooperative endeavors with other agencies.

In order to make a maximum contribution to education, within the Hull Public Schools and to other educational agencies, the Committee establishes these broad goals:

1. To encourage liaison with other educational agencies.
2. To supply educational services to and/or share with other educational agencies.

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RELATIONS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The School Committee will cooperate with other schools and with local, state, and regional agencies and organizations to:

1. Seek solutions of educational problems of common concern;
2. Offer support services of high quality to our children;
3. Equalize educational opportunities for all children;
4. Acquire federal and state grants; and
5. Promote local Hull Public Schools involvement in state and federal decision-making.

This cooperation may extend to research, providing transportation for children to special schools and hospitals, coordination of curriculum, exchange of information and data, construction of facilities that may be efficiently used on a cooperative basis, and the coordination of school calendars and activities.

Before joining any cooperative programs, education collaborative, or participating in any joint educational services with other Hull Public Schools, the School Committee wants to be sure that in all instances the best interests of our school children will be served. In carrying out this policy the Superintendent will include in reports to the Committee an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other schools and agencies on matters of mutual interest.

Private Schools

In accordance with state law, the School Committee will approve a private school when it is satisfied that the instructional program of the school equals that of the town's public schools in thoroughness, efficiency, and progress made.

The Committee recognizes that many worthwhile contributions are made to this community by parochial and other private schools. Therefore, it will cooperate with these schools in matters of mutual benefit when law does not expressly prohibit this cooperation.

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RELATIONS WITH HOME SCHOOLS

Several procedures that must be followed prior to the Superintendent approving a home study plan:

1. All of the requirements recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Education must be met;
2. Parent or guardian must provide information indicating his/ her competency to teach;
3. Approval of the program must be obtained in advance prior to the removal of the children from school and to the commencement of the home schooling program;
4. Parent or guardian must be provided, by the Superintendent or the School Committee with an opportunity to explain this proposed plan and present witnesses on their behalf;
5. Parents must demonstrate that the home school proposal fulfills the requirements of M.G.L. 71:1, in that the instruction will equal in thoroughness and efficiency and in the progress made therein of that in the Hull Public Schools.
6. Parent or guardian must provide a curriculum outline indicating the length of the proposed home school year, a list of subjects to be taught and the hours of instruction in each subject;
7. The Superintendent or School Committee must have access to the textbooks, workbooks and other instructional aids to be used by the children and to the lesson plans and teaching manuals to be used by the parents. The Superintendent or School Committee will not use this access to dictate the manner in which the subjects will be taught;
8. Periodic standardized testing of the children will be required in order to ensure educational progress and the attainment of minimum standards. Other means of evaluating the progress of the children may be substituted for the formal testing process;
9. If the student is to continue in the program for more than one school year, the study plan must be approved annually;
10. All requirements of the Department of Public Health regarding immunization have been completed

Parents have the right to a hearing before the school authorities to allow them an opportunity to explain their plan and answer questions about it. They may be represented by counsel and will be provided reasonable notice of the time and place of such a hearing.

If a plan is approved, there will be a periodic evaluation and monitoring of the child's progress under guidelines and standards set by the School Committee to assess whether adequate educational progress has been made.

LEGAL REFS: M.G.L. 71:1; 71:2; 71:3; 71:4; 76:1; 76:2; 76:3; 119
603 Code Mass. Regulations Section 27.01 (1980)
S.J.C. Care and Protection of Charles, 399 Mass. 324 (1987)

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1. Requirements for approval of home instruction will include:
 - a. The parent or legal guardian must request permission to hold home instruction on an annual basis;
 - b. A home instruction application form will be provided to the parents or legal guardian. This form must be completed and returned to the Superintendent before approval may be granted;
 - c. The Committee delegates the approval of home instruction to the Superintendent. Any approval or rejection of an application by the Superintendent is subject to review by the Committee.
2. Children in home instruction may, at the discretion of parents or guardian, attend the Hull Public Schools on a part-time basis. It may be an advantage for a home-taught child to attend specialized classes in the Hull Public Schools.
3. Parents or a legal guardian in charge of home instruction should make provision for regular testing or use of other indicators of student progress such as standardized achievement tests. As an alternative to home testing and at the request of those in charge of the home instruction, the Hull Public Schools will make provision for inclusion of home taught children in the annual achievement test. The home instruction summary form must include either a summary of home testing results for each required subject for each child or the results of the achievement test that is administered through the Hull Public Schools.
4. Auditing functions of the Committee for the home instruction will include:
 - a. The Committee at any time may request a review by the Superintendent of the attendance rolls, records of test scores or other achievement indicators in each required subject for any child in home instruction;
 - b. The Committee may request at any time that the Superintendent review the instructional materials and methods used by the person(s) responsible for the home instruction; and
 - c. The Superintendent will prepare for the Committee an annual summary of the children included in home instruction. This report will also summarize, in general, the appropriateness or possible deficiencies of home education situations.
5. Within one week of the ending date of the home instruction, as indicated on the home instruction application form, the Hull Public Schools will mail the parents or legal guardian a home instruction summary form. The completed form should be returned to the Hull Public Schools within 30 days. This summary form must be returned to the school district office before annual approval of home instruction can be made for any succeeding years.
6. The Committee will act in a responsible, cooperative manner to ensure that all children in the Hull Public Schools receive competent, adequate instruction. This concern includes children in home education. If the Committee determines that a home instruction situation is inadequate, a conference between the parents or legal guardian and the Superintendent will be scheduled to find mutually acceptable ways to correct any deficiency.
7. If deficiencies in a home education situation are not corrected or the parents or legal guardian does not complete the proper annual application or summary, an appropriate referral will be made.

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APPLICATION FOR HOME INSTRUCTION

Directions:

- Please read the School Committee policy on Home Education.
- Complete this form; attach any supportive documents; and forward it to the Superintendent of Schools at least 21 days prior to the planned start of a home education program.

1. Parent/guardian name(s) and address:

Telephone: _____

2. Name(s) of student(s) who will be taught at above designated home and current comparable public school grade level(s):

Name _____ DOB: _____ Grade _____

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3. Period of time for which approval is sought (Max. 1 year):
_____ through _____.
month/year month/year

4. Teachers: Attach a statement providing the following information about any persons who will serve as teachers in this program.

5. Subjects to be taught: Attach a description of each subject to be taught including the scope, major goals and objectives for the child, the major materials and methods to be used in each area.

6. Scheduling of instruction: Attach a description of the schedule you plan for instruction during the period for which approval is requested. Include the number of hours and days planned.

7. Materials and Methods: Attach a listing and description of the texts, materials, methods and programs to be used. A sample of these materials would be extremely helpful and will be returned to you.

8. Evaluation: Attach a statement describing the tests or measurements that will be used to evaluate your child's educational growth during this period. If this home education plan is approved, the Hull Public Schools will expect to implement a periodic evaluation of the child's progress similar to the school-attending students and may set guidelines and standards for this purpose to ensure the evaluation of reasonable educational progress.

9. Response by Superintendent of Schools: Ordinarily, you will receive a response to your proposal plan within 20 days from receipt of your application.
10. Visits: We offer home schooling students a visit from a school administrator two (2) times per year. Would you like to participate?
Yes _____ No _____

Date of Application

Signature of Person Completing Application

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STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Committee encourages the administration to cooperate with teacher-training institutions in the placement of student teachers in the Hull Public Schools. All initial arrangements with the colleges and universities will be subject to Committee approval.

The Committee authorizes the administration to honor the reasonable rules and training guidelines of the sending institution.

In all arrangements made with colleges and universities, the Hull Public Schools will be given the privilege of interviewing and accepting or rejecting individual candidates for student teaching and internships.

The school administration will devise procedures for evaluating the performance of student teachers that meet requirements of the sending institution and fit with the Committee's policies.

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