

## Decatur County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in March</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Home Schools</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.202</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/13/17</b>
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- 1 A parent wishing to conduct a home school shall meet the following requirements<sup>1</sup>:
- 2 1. Provide notice to the director of schools before the commencement of each school year of the intent
- 3 to conduct a home school;
- 4 2. Submit to the director of schools the name, number, age, grade level of children involved, location
- 5 of the school, curriculum to be offered, proposed hours of instruction, qualifications of the
- 6 parent/teacher, whether a college preparatory or general course of education will be taught in
- 7 grades 9-12, and a description of the courses to be taught each year;
- 8 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection of the local director of schools;
- 9 4. Submit attendance records to the director of schools at the end of each school year;
- 10 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of instructional days as
- 11 are required by state law for public schools;
- 12 6. Possess a high school diploma or GED in order to conduct classes in grades K-8 and possess at
- 13 least a baccalaureate degree in order to conduct classes in grades 9-12, or proper State Department
- 14 of Education exemption;
- 15 7. Cooperate in the administration to home school students of appropriate tests by the Commissioner
- 16 of Education, his/her designee or by a professional testing service;
- 17 8. Take action according to state law if home school student falls behind appropriate grade level;
- 18 9. Submit proof to the director of schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as required
- 19 by law;
- 20 10. Submit proof to the director of schools that other health services and examinations as required by
- 21 law have been received by the home school student; and

1 11. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a specific subject,  
2 employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of parent/teacher.

3 If one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board authorizes the director of schools to take  
4 formal action to bring the child into compliance with the Compulsory Attendance Law (until the child  
5 has reached age 17), either in the home school or in a public, private or church-related school.

6 It shall be the policy of this Board that public school facilities shall be available for home school  
7 instruction only when *all* of the following conditions exist:

8 1. Special needs courses are being taught which require services unavailable to the home school  
9 student;

10 2. These services cannot be provided through any means other than the public schools;

11 3. Requests for services are made known by the home school parent when notice is given to the  
12 director of schools of the intent to conduct a home school;

13 4. The director of schools investigates request and make recommendations to the Board;

14 5. No overcrowding, additional expenses, including providing transportation, or other special  
15 situations which interfere with the normal operation of the school system shall be incurred; and  
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17 6. Approval by the Board on a case-by-case basis.  
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19 The director of schools, through the attendance supervisor, shall have the attendance records of the home  
20 school inspected at least two (2) times each school year in order to provide assistance in implementing  
21 the Compulsory Attendance Law.

22 If a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind his appropriate grade level in his/her  
23 comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests, and if a certified teacher who would have taught  
24 the child at his/her grade level determines through appropriate means that the student is not learning  
25 disabled, the director of schools shall require the parents to enroll the child in a public, private or church-  
26 related school.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3050

