

Franklin County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Home Schools</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.202	Issued Date: 04/08/13
		Rescinds: 6.202	Issued: 05/14/12

1 A "home school" is a school conducted by parent(s) or legal guardians for their own children. Home
 2 schools which teach K-12 where the parents are associated with an organization that conducts church-
 3 related schools (*as defined by §49-50-801*) which are supervised by such organization and which ad-
 4 minister standardized achievement tests at the same time tests are given in their regular day schools are
 5 exempt from the following provisions, but must follow procedures issued by the State Department of
 6 Education.¹

7
 8 A parent wishing to conduct a home school shall meet the following requirements:

- 9
- 10 1. Provide annual notice to the director of schools by August 1 prior to each school year of the
- 11 intent to conduct a home school;
- 12
- 13 2. Submit to the director of schools the name, number, age, grade level of children involved, loca-
- 14 tion of the school, curriculum to be offered, proposed hours of instruction, and qualifications
- 15 of the parent/teacher;
- 16
- 17 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection of the local director of schools;
- 18
- 19 4. Submit attendance records to the director of schools at the end of each school year;
- 20
- 21 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of instructional days
- 22 as are required by state law for public schools;
- 23
- 24 6. Possess a high school diploma or GED in order to conduct classes in grades K-12;
- 25
- 26 7. Cooperate in the administration to home school students of appropriate tests by the Commis-
- 27 sioner of Education, his/her designee or by a professional testing service approved by Franklin
- 28 County Schools;
- 29
- 30 8. Take action according to state law if home school student falls behind appropriate grade
- 31 level;
- 32
- 33 9. Submit proof to the director of schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as
- 34 required by law;
- 35
- 36 10. Submit proof to the director of schools that other health services and examinations as required
- 37 by law have been received by the home school student; and
- 38
- 39 11. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a specific
- 40 subject, employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of parent/teacher.
- 41
- 42

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

5 Additionally, if a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind the home school student 's
6 appropriate grade level in the home school student 's comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests
7 based on the tests required , and if the child is not learning disabled in the opinion of a teacher licensed
8 to teach at the child 's grade level , the director of schools shall require the parent to enroll the child in a
9 public, private, or church-related school.
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37

38 Legal Reference:

- 39 1. TCA 49-6-3050
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49