

# Policies

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## Newport Public Schools Students – Administrative Policies - Home Schooling

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At-home instruction, shall be approved only when it complies with the following requirements:

- The period of attendance of the pupil in the home instruction is substantially equal to that required by law in public schools.
- An attendance register must be kept and returned to the Superintendent who shall ensure that the same is made available to the School Committee, truant officers, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The form of the register must be the same as that maintained by the School Department.
- Reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, the history of the United States, the history of Rhode Island, and the principles of American government must be taught in the English language substantially to the same extent as these subjects are required to be taught in the public schools, and the teaching of the English language and of other subjects indicated herein shall be thorough and efficient; provided, however, that any of the subjects or any other subject may be taught in any other language in addition to the teaching in English as prescribed herein.
- The Superintendent shall require a regular evaluation of the home instruction program. This evaluation process will, at a minimum, include quarterly reports outlining the student's progress.
- The Superintendent, in conjunction with the child's parents and/or guardians, shall develop a form of a report card, written evaluations, dated work samples, or similar evaluative tools. In addition, the Superintendent may require testing that fairly evaluates the child's progress.
- Parents or guardians wishing to home school should notify the Superintendent in writing as far in advance of the start of the school year as is possible.

Any person/resident aggrieved by the action of the School Committee either in approving or refusing to approve at-home instruction may appeal to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### ***References***

RI Gen. Laws § 16-19-2

Commissioner's Decisions: Kimberly J. v. Coventry School Committee

Commissioner's Decisions: Karima Karim v. West Warwick School Committee

***History:*** IGBJ, 12/8/98