

The Monhegan School Committee acknowledges the provisions for equivalent instruction under Maine law. The School Committee further acknowledges that it has an obligation to provide for the needs of all school-age children whose parents (or guardians) reside on Monhegan and intends that the services and the resources of the Monhegan School be made available to home-schooled students within the following guidelines.

Provision of Information: At the request of the student or the student's parent/guardian, this school unit shall make available to home-schooled students, in a form determined by the school, information regarding access to public school activities and attendance at Monhegan School. This information must include:

- A. Requirements regarding initial health and developmental screening for motor skills, vision, hearing and immunization; and
- B. Criteria for participation of home-schooled students in curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Participation in Regular Classes: A home instruction student may enroll in specific classes, provided that the student's attendance is regular, the student completes assignments and tests as are required of other students in the class, the class is deemed to be age and grade appropriate, and all prerequisite course requirements are met. In addition, the following shall also apply:

1. The student or the student's parent/guardian, on the student's behalf, shall apply in writing to and receive approval from the Superintendent.
2. The student shall demonstrate prior satisfactory academic achievement consistent with school policy and procedures applicable to all students.
3. The student shall comply with behavioral, disciplinary, attendance and other classroom rules applicable to all students. If a student fails to comply, the school may withhold credit or terminate the student's participation.

Special Education Services: A home instruction student will be considered eligible for special education services provided that the Pupil Evaluation Team (PET) has determined that special education services are required, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) has been developed for the student, the parent (or guardian) has signed the consent-for-services form, and the parent (or guardian) agrees to bring the student to school unless otherwise determined by the PET.

Participation in Co-curricular Activities: A home instruction student may participate in co-curricular activities such as field trips, plays, and academically-related fairs, provided prior written permission is obtained from both the parent (or guardian) and the Superintendent, and that the student has agreed to abide by the same code of conduct as other participating students.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities: A home instruction student may participate in extracurricular activities, provided the student meets the same academic, insurance, age, and other eligibility requirements as regularly enrolled students, the student maintains the same code of behavior as other participating students, and the student is not enrolled in another school.

Use of Facilities and Equipment: Home-schooled students may use school facilities and equipment on the same basis as regularly enrolled students, provided the use does not disrupt regular school activities, the use has been approved by the Superintendent, the use will not create additional expense to the school system, the use is directly related to the school program, and if the use involves the removal of equipment or furniture, the materials are signed out and the parent (or guardian) agrees to pay the school for all lost, damaged, or unreturned materials.

Use of School Texts and Library Materials: Home-schooled students may be permitted to use school texts and library materials, provided that they are signed out for the same length of time as for other students, and the parent (or guardian) agrees to pay the School for all lost, damaged or unreturned texts and/or library materials.

Re-admission to the School Program: Placement of home-schooled students who wish to be re-admitted to the school program will be determined by the Superintendent, who shall consult with the teacher to the extent appropriate. The Superintendent may direct that a test or tests be administered to help determine grade level.

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