

HOME SCHOOL

Eligibility

- West Virginia State Law provides parents the right to provide home instruction to their child in lieu of public education.
- Parents who wish to provide home instruction do not have a set instructional year and are not required to be certified teachers.
- Parents may choose any curriculum they see fit in the education of their child.

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Homeschool

Upon deciding to provide home instruction, the parent of the child receiving home instruction shall provide:

- A one-time notice of intent to home school to the Tucker County Superintendent. The NOI is available at the Tucker County Board of Education attendance office, or on the Tucker County Schools website.
- The notice, for any child of compulsory school age to be instructed, must contain:
 - Name of child, address, age of child
 - Assurance that the child shall receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies and that the child shall be assessed annually.
- The NOI will remain in effect until the parent notifies the county superintendent upon termination of home instruction for a child who is of compulsory school attendance age OR upon establishing residence in a new county. At which time the parent shall notify the previous county superintendent and submit a new NOI to the superintendent of the new county of residence.
- If the child is enrolled in public school, the notice of intent shall be provided on or before the date home instruction is to begin.

Required Credentials

The person or persons providing home instruction shall submit to the Tucker County Superintendent evidence of a:

- High school diploma or equivalent,
- Or a post-secondary degree or certificate from accredited institution of higher education.

Assessment

Homeschool parents must obtain an annual assessment for their child and they must maintain a record of that assessment for three years. Results of the required academic assessment must be submitted to the county superintendent for any child in grades 3, 5, 8, or 11. Those results must be submitted by June 30 of the year in which the assessment was administered.

Assessments may be:

- The West Virginia General Summative Assessment administered in the public school system for grades 3-8 or the SAT School Day for grade 11.
- A nationally normed standardized achievement test in reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies.
- A portfolio of samples of the child's work is reviewed by a certified teacher who determines whether the child's academic progress for the year is in accordance with the child's abilities. The teacher shall provide a written narrative about the child's progress in the areas of reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies and shall note any areas which, in the professional opinion of the reviewer, show need for improvement or remediation. If the narrative indicates that the child's academic progress for the year is in accordance with the child's abilities, the child is considered to have made acceptable progress; or
- An alternative academic assessment of proficiency that is mutually agreed upon by the parent or legal guardian and the county superintendent.

Textbooks and Services Offered by the County Board

- Requests for public school text books must be submitted with the Notice of Intent to Homeschool. Please allow ample time for processing and books are given upon availability.
- Home instructed students will not receive any services provided by Tucker County Schools, including special education services, speech, and physical or occupational therapy.

Completion of Home Instruction and Diploma

- Due to accreditation requirements by the State Department of Education, students being home schooled in grades 9-12 school do not earn credits towards a diploma from the public school system.
- A person who administers a program of secondary education in a home school setting may issue a diploma to a person who has completed the program of secondary education.
- Such diploma is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the person meeting the definition of having a high school diploma or equivalent.
- No state agency or institution of higher learning in this state may reject or otherwise treat a person differently solely on the grounds of the source of such a diploma.