

Title 13A  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUBTITLE 10 HOME INSTRUCTION  
13A.10.01 General Regulations  
Authority: Education Article, s7-301,  
Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Home Instruction Program.**

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of this regulation is to establish a procedure to be used by the superintendent of each local school system to determine if a child participating in a home instruction program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.
- B. Written Agreement.** A parent or guardian who chooses to teach a child at home shall sign a statement on a form prescribed by the State Department of Education which:
- (1) Indicates consent to the requirements set forth in sections C, D, and E; and
  - (2) Shall be submitted to the local superintendent at least 15 days before the beginning of a home instruction program.
- C. Instruction Program.** The home instruction program shall:
- (1) Provide regular, thorough instruction in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age;
  - (2) Include instruction in English, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education; and
  - (3) Take place on a regular basis during the school year program and be of sufficient duration to implement the instruction program.
- D. Education Materials.** A parent or guardian who chooses to teach a child at home shall maintain a portfolio of materials which:
- (1) Demonstrates the parent or guardian is providing regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the area specified in sections C (1) and (2).
  - (2) Includes relevant materials, such as instructional materials, reading materials, and examples of the child's writing, worksheets, workbooks, creative materials, and tests.
  - (3) Shall be reviewed by the local superintendent or the superintendent's designee at the conclusion of each semester of the local school system at such time as is mutually agreeable to the local superintendent or designee and the parent or guardian.
- E.** A parent or guardian shall agree to permit a representative of a local school system to review the portfolio of education materials, discuss the instructional program, and observe instruction provided that all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The review is at a time and place mutually agreeable to the representative of the local school system and the parent or guardian;
  - (2) The purpose of the review is to ensure that the child is receiving regular, thorough instruction as set forth in section C;
  - (3) There are not more than three reviews during the school year.
- F. Additional Requirements.** A local school system may not impose additional requirements for home instruction programs other than those in these regulations.

**.02 Voluntary Participation in Standardized Testing.**

Upon request of a parent or guardian, a child receiving home instruction may participate in the regularly scheduled standardized testing programs that are administered in the public school the child is eligible to attend.