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INSTRUCTION
CURRICULUM
HOMESCHOOL POLICY

I. First time Homeschoolers will:

A. Submit a letter of intent to the appropriate school personnel no later than 30 days prior to the implementation of the curriculum.

B. **Meet with the Superintendent or designee to present:**

1. Proof of curriculum

Note: "Proof of Curriculum" is defined as one of the following:

- a. Scope & Sequence of presented curriculum
- b. A copy of the table of contents of the presented curriculum

2. Proof of competency and willingness to teach children diligently, consistently, and in good faith. It is understood that the parent/teacher need not be certified.

Indication that the home-educated child will receive same number of hours and days in each required subject as the child educated in school. Hours shall be 5.0 hours per day for students in grades 1-6 and 5.5 hours for grades 7-12. Time shall be exclusive of recess and other breaks, such as lunch. A minimum of 180 days shall be provided. The school committee may mandate additional subjects beyond state requirements.

II. Homeschoolers Having Successfully Completed the First Year Will:

A. Submit a letter of intent by August 1 of said year, which shall include a statement of curriculum to be used.

Note: "Proof of Curriculum" is defined as one of the following:

- a. Scope & Sequence of presented curriculum
- b. A copy of the table of contents of the presented curriculum

III. To Facilitate Evaluation, Homeschoolers will Submit One of the Following:

- A. Standardized test scores.
- B. Report Card (s) from a Correspondence School.
- C. Portfolio Assessment with appropriate documentation in various mediums. Should the Superintendent (or his/her designee) determine that the portfolio does not meet educational standards, a determination will be made by a neutral third party, approved by both the parent and school administration.
- D. Independent Evaluation.

IV. Permitted Participation:

- A. Participation in Regular Classes: Homeschooled students may enroll in specific classes provided that the student's attendance is regular, he/she completes all assignments and tests required of other students in the class, the class is deemed to be age or grade appropriate, and all prerequisite course requirements are met. Regularly enrolled students will have priority. Written permission will be obtained from both parent and principal, and the student must abide by the same code of conduct as other participating students.
- B. Participation in Co-curricular Activities: Homeschooled students may participate in Co-curricular Activities such as field trips, assemblies, and academically-related fairs. Regularly enrolled students will have priority. Written permission will be obtained from both parent and principal, and the student must abide by the same code of conduct as other participating students. Any fees charged to regularly enrolled students will be charged to Homeschooled students.
- C. Participation in Intramural Activities: Homeschooled students may participate in intramural activities provided the student meets the same academic, physical examination, insurance, age and semester eligibility requirements as regularly enrolled students. Regularly enrolled students will have priority. Written permission will be obtained from both parent and principal, and the student must abide by the same code of conduct as other participating students.

- D. Use of Library Materials: Homeschooled students may use library materials provided they are appropriate to the age and/or grade of the student, they are signed out for the same length of time as for other students, and the parent agrees to pay the school system for all lost, damaged or unreturned library materials. Regularly enrolled students will have priority. Written permission will be obtained from both parent and principal, and the student must abide by the same code of conduct as other participating students.
- E. Use of School Texts: In order to facilitate the coordination of the K-12 and the homeschool curriculums, the homeschool teacher may borrow the appropriate text when it is not being used in the regular classroom (weekends - vacation times). The homeschool parent agrees to pay the system for all lost, damaged or un-returned texts. Homeschool teacher/parent may purchase textbooks through the school system.
- F. Home Education Students will be allowed to Participate in Sports: MIA rules and regulations of participation in sports will be followed by the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Any costs assessed to regularly enrolled students will be assessed to homeschooled students.