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Lowell Home Education Policy

The City of Lowell School Committee recognizes and respects the right of parent(s) or guardian(s) to educate their child(ren) at home. The School Committee appreciates the personal and cultural uniqueness of each family and desires to ensure that the process by which school officials approve and review home education is both lawful and equitable.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) planning to undertake a home education program for their child(ren) between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays shall seek consent from the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction using the form entitled Lowell Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education Academic Year ---.

Home education programs shall be considered in an equitable, objective and timely manner.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to submit a brief report to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction in January of the school year. The Lowell Mid-Year Form for Home Education may be used at this time. At the end of the school year a progress report must be submitted. The report may either be test results, or in an anecdotal or portfolio form, as selected by the parent(s) or guardian(s).

A student being educated in a home education program within Lowell shall have access to public school activities of either a curricular or extra-curricular nature. Arrangements for such participation are to be in accordance with the generally accepted scheduling procedures of the schools. Further, whenever possible, if requested by the parent(s) or guardian(s), school personnel shall provide materials such as sample curricula and/or textbooks.

Parents or guardians are entitled to all due process rights with regard to this policy and with regard to any procedures followed and actions taken. During any resolution process, parent(s) or guardian(s) may continue to educate their child(ren) at home.

Legal Ref: M.G.L. 69:1D; 76:1, Care and Protection of Charles