Home Education

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This document was prepared by the Ward County Superintendent's Office in an effort to assist parents/guardians of home schooled children. It is not all inclusive and should not replace North Dakota Law Chapter 15.1-23 which is included at the end of this document.

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Home Education as defined by North Dakota Law NDCC 15.1-23-01

Home education means a program of education supervised by a child's parent, in the child's home, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

Parent's Responsibility

Statement of Intent to Home Educate 15.1-23-02

Parents must file a "Statement of Intent to Home Educate" with the superintendent of the child's school district of residence or if no superintendent is employed, with the county superintendent of schools for the child's county of residence.

The statement must be filed at least fourteen days prior to beginning home education or within fourteen days of establishing a child's residence in a school district. It must be done once a year thereafter. The statement must include:

*The name and address of the child receiving home education.
*The child's date of birth
*The child's grade level
*The name and address of the parent who will supervise the home education
*The qualifications of the parent who will supervise the home education
*The name of the public school and any courses in which the child intends to participate.
*Any extracurricular activities in which the child intends to participate and the school district or approved non public school offering the activities.

The statement must be accompanied by a copy of the child's immunization record and proof of the child's identity as required by NDCSC 54-23.2-04.2.

Parental Qualifications 15.1-23-03

Effective through July 31, 2011 a parent may supervise home education if the parent holds a high school diploma or a GED or met the requirements of 15.1-23-06.

Effective after July 31, 2011 A parent may supervise home education if the parent….
*Is licensed to teach by the Education Standards and Practices Board or approved to teach by the ESPB
*Holds a baccalaureate degree
*Has met or exceeded the cutoff score of the National Teacher exam given in North Dakota if North Dakota does not offer such a test.
*Has a high school diploma or a (GED) general education development certificate may supervise but must be monitored by a North Dakota state certified teacher during the first two years the parent supervises home education or until the child being instructed completes the third grade, whichever is later. If the child obtains a basic composite standardized achievement test score below the 15 percentile nationally the parent must be monitored for at last one additional school year and until the child receives a test score at or above the 15 percentile. NDCSC 15.1-23-06

Effective through July 31, 2011 a parent who does not meet the qualifications provided in section 15.1-23-03 may supervise home education but must be monitored in accordance with section NDCC 15.1-23-07 for the first two years.

If testing is not required by NDCC 15.1-23-07 during the first two years of monitoring the period may not be extending except upon the mutual consent of the parent and the monitor. Once a parent has completed the monitoring requirements for on child the parent may not be monitored with respect to other children for who the parent supervises home education.

Courses Required:

Parents/Guardians of a home schooled child should check with the child's district of residence for courses needed.

An example of courses could include:
Elementary- spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, language, English grammar, geography, United sates history, civil government, U.S. Constitution, nature study, elements of agriculture, physiology, effects of alcohol, prevention of contagious disease and hygiene.

Secondary- English, math science, social studies, health and physical education, music, combination of business, economics, foreign language, industrial arts, or vocational education.

Additional Information:

Classes must be conducted for at least four hours per day for a minimum of 175 days per year. NDCSC 15.1-23-04

Parents are required to maintain an annual recorded of courses taken by the child, child's academic progress assessments, all standardized achievement test results. These records shall be furnished to the administrator if the child transfers to a public school district. NDCSC 15.1-23-05

While in grades 4, 6, 8 and 10 each child receiving home education shall take a standardized achievement test used by the school district in which the child resides. If requested by the parent the child shall take a nationally normed standardized achievement test. The test may be taken in the child's learning environment or at the public school if requested by the parent. An individual licensed or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board shall administer the test. NDCSC 15.1-23-09.

Test results will be filed with the superintendent of a district or with the county superintendent if the district does not employ a superintendent. NDCSC 15.1-23-11 (1).

If the child's basic composite score on a standardized achievement test is less than the 13 percentile nationally, a multidisciplinary assessment team shall assess the child for a potential learning problem under rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. NDCSC 15.1-23-11 (2).

Effective through July 31, 2011 you may get a high school diploma from a child's school district of residence, an approved nonpublic high school or a center for distance education if the child has met the issuing entity's requirements for high school graduation. This is only if the child's parent submits the required documents to prove the child's performance.

Superintendent/Home Education Coordinator Responsibilities

The Superintendent or designee should…..
*Implement supervisory and administrative requirements of home education as described in NDCSC law.
*Accept Statements of Intent filed by parents choosing to home educate their children
*Hire and supervise sufficient home education monitors to full fill monitoring requirements
*Provide for statutorily required assessments
*For those for who it is required make an "Annual determination of reasonable academic progress."
*Maintain files for students participating in home education
*Convene and lead a multidisciplinary assessment teams as necessary involved as required by NDSCC.

Home Education Monitor Responsibilities 15.1-23-07

If monitoring is required the school district shall assign and compensate an individual to monitor a child receiving home education. If the parent selects the monitor they have the responsibility of paying them. NDSCS 15.1-23-07 (1)

The monitor must be licensed or approved to teach by the education and standards and practices board. NDSCS 15.1-23-07 (2)

Twice during each school year the monitor shall report the child's progress to the school district superintendent or the county superintendent if the district does not employ a superintendent. Progress could include program studies of statutorily required subjects, observation of the students, conferences with the parent and data recorded by the parent. NDSCS 15.1-23-07 (3)

The monitor will spend and average of one hour per week in contact with the child and parent. Any more children should be one-half hour per month for each additional child. If the child attends a public or approved non public school the time may be proportionately reduced. NDCSC 15.1-23-07 (4)

Parents/Guardians should have the person monitoring the home schooled child notify the child's school district of residence if monitoring was not scheduled by the school district. NDCSC 15.1-23-08

Curriculum Resources
Parents must determine the curriculum.
Parents are responsible for purchasing all materials.

A Beka School Services:	Pensacola Christian College Staton TH, PO Box 1800 Pensacola, FL 32523-9160	1-800-874-3592
Accelerated Christian Education (ACE):		1-800-925-7777
Christian Home Educators Curriculum Manual:	Home Run Enterprises 12531 Aristocrate Ave Box P Garden Grove, CA 92541	
Christian Light Association (CLE):	A Bible Based curriculum for Grades 1-12 PO Box 1212 North Harrisonburg, VA 22801-1212	1-540-434-0750
The Elijah Company:	1053 Eldridge Loop Crossville, TN 38558	1-615-456-6284
The Home School Books and Supplies:	104 South West Avenue Arlington, WA 98223	1-360-435-0376
Home School Manual:	Gazell Publications 1906 Niles-Buchanan Road Niles, MI 49120	
Homeschooling Warehouse Great Christian Books:	http://www.greatchristianbooks.com 229 S. Bridge St. PO Box 8000 Elkton, MD 21922-8000	
Math-U-See:	A Manipulative Based K-12 Curriculum	1-888-854-MATH
Plain Path Publishers:	PO Box 830 Columbus, NC 28722	1-704-863-2736
School of Tomorrow Curriculum:		1-800-925-7777
Shekinah Curriculum Cellar:	PO Box 2154 Costa Mesa, CA	
The Sycamore Tree:	2179 Meyer Place Costa Mesa, CA 92627	1-714-650-4466
The Teaching Home:	A Christian Magazine for Home Educators	1-800-500-8853

Test Publishers

Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills
CTB McGraw Hill
Del Mone Research Park
Monterey, CA 93940
(Also available via ND Division of
Independent Study)

Iowa Test of Basic Skills
Riverside Publishing Co.
PO Box 1970
Iowa City, IA 52244

Metropolitan Achievement Tests
The Psychological Corporation
757 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10017

PASS
Hewitt Research Foundation
PO Box 9
Washougal, WA 98651

SRA Achievement Series
Science Research Association, Inc.
155 Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Stanford Achievement Tests
The Psychological Corporation
7575 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT)
Scholastic Test Service, Inc.
480 Meyer Road
Benseville, IL 60106

Miscellaneous testing materials
Bob Jones University
Greenville, SC 29614-0001
1-800-845-5731

Support Resources

Local School District
Superintendent of School
Principal of School

Home Education Support Groups
North Dakota Home School Association Groups
Gail Biby, Director
Box 7400
Bismarck, ND 58507
701-223-4080

Dakota Baptist Home School Consortium
Leslie Campbell
Minot, ND 58701
701-858-8181

ND Department of Public Instruction

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