

**LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 90 COMMERCIAL STREET  
 LYNN, MA 01905**



**HOME EDUCATION POLICY**

The Lynn Public School Committee recognizes and respects the right of parents or guardians 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 are notified of and review home education programs is both lawful and equitable. Therefore, the school committee establishes this home education policy.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) planning to undertake a home education program for their child(ren) between their sixth and sixteenth birthday shall inform the superintendent by completing the *Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education* form prior to commencing a home education program.

Home education programs shall be considered in an equitable, objective, and timely manner. Factors that may be considered by the superintendent or school committee are:

1. The academic background, life experiences and/or other qualities of those who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the educational program. Home educators need not be certified teachers nor have any diplomas or degrees.
2. An overview of the educational program is to include subjects and instructional materials. In order to meet the specific educational needs of their child(ren), the home educator(s) may adjust the material to achieve the goals of the educational program without further notification to the superintendent's office.
3. A statement concerning instructional hours that will be followed.
4. The home educator(s) will choose one method of assessment to be submitted annually. This method, which corresponds to the type of education program, may include one of the following:
  - Regular logs or journals,
  - Portfolios or dated work samples,
  - Progress reports by the home educator(s),
  - An independent report made by someone acceptable to both superintendent and the home educator(s),
  - Standardized test results,
  - Consultation with the superintendent or designee,
  - Any other method agreed to by both superintendent and home educator(s).

Any student whose parents have elected to educate their child at home and whose Home School Plan has been approved by the Lynn School Committee may not participate in any Lynn School Department program that is not open to the public. The Home School student shall have no access to classroom participation, educational programs or extra-curricular activities. Access to educational materials shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or designee.

Home educator(s) 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, the parent(s) or guardian(s) may educate their child(ren) at home.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE A PROGRAM OF HOME EDUCATION**

Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Please complete this form, attach any additional information, and forward it to the Superintendent of Schools, 90 Commercial Street, Lynn, MA 01905. Expect a response from the Superintendent or designee within ten days.

A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent  Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent  Guardian

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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B. On a separate sheet, describe the educational program- including subject areas, instructional aids, and activities.

C. Academic background, life experience and/or other qualities of those who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the instructional program described in section B.

*Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education*

D. State the method of assessment to be used followed by a brief description:

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*The following signature confirms the intent to complete the education process outlined above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Submitted*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Submitted*

*The signature of the school official indicates they have received and reviewed this plan.  
A parent/administrative conference may be scheduled.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Superintendent or Designee*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Response*