

# Parent's Guide to Homeschooling

Nevada Revised Statute allows for compulsory attendance of a child in a public school to be excused if the parent chooses to provide education to the child and files a Notice of Intent to Homeschool (NRS 392.070).

The following links can be used to find out more information about homeschooling in Nevada:

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Homeschooling

http://ccsd.net/divisions/education-services-division/homeschool

http://nevadahomeschoolnetwork.com

## Withdrawing a Student to Homeschooling

Starting with the 2007-08 school year, parents who elect to home school their children must file a Notice of Intent for each child to be homeschooled. An education plan, as described in section 4 of the Notice of Intent form, needs to be included with the Notice of Intent to Homeschool form and submitted to the Office of Homeschool. This notice remains in effect (up to 15 years) unless there is a change of name or address of either the parent or the child, or if the child returns to home schooling after being enrolled in a public school. The Notice of Intent to Homeschool form may be downloaded from the websites listed above.

The Notice of Intent to Homeschool must be filed before beginning to homeschool or no later than 10 days after formally withdrawing the student from public school. Families that are new to Nevada have 30 days to file a Notice of Intent form after establishing residency.

The notice of intent must be submitted to:

Office of Homeschool and Work Exemptions 4204 Channel 10 Drive Building C Las Vegas, NV 89119

The notice may be hand delivered or sent via US Mail. Please do not fax, scan or email.

The Clark County School District will provide a *Receipt of Notice of Intent to Homeschool* to the parent after their form is processed. Parents need to present this acknowledgement to the public school and formally withdraw the child. Parents who withdrew their child before receiving the written acknowledgement should present it to the public school that the child was attending as soon as possible.

#### **Testing**

Home school students are eligible to participate in district testing that includes:

- SAT/ACT
- PSAT/NMSQT

Homeschooled students are eligible for both the National Merit and Millennium scholarships.

Parents may find specific test dates and testing information on the Nevada Department of Education website:

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Homeschooling

## Participation in classes at CCSD schools

Homeschool students may request to participate in up to three courses at their zoned CCSD school for no credit, provided there is space available and the student meets any requirements. Parents should complete the *Notice of Intent of Homeschool Child to Participate in Programs and Activities* form and attach a copy of the child's birth certificate. These documents should be mailed to the Office of Homeschool at the address previously provided. The Clark County School District will provide a *Receipt of Notice of Intent of Homeschool Child to Participate in Programs and Activities*. Parents should present both the Receipt of Notice of Intent to Homeschool and Receipt of Notice of Intent of Homeschool Child to Participate In Programs and Activities to the public school principal prior to the start of the semester. The principal and the *Region Superintendent* or designee will make the determination if the homeschooled child is eligible to participate in the course(s). The Receipt of Notice of Intent of Homeschool Child to Participate in Programs and Activities will remain in effect for one calendar year from the date it is processed. Parents can download the required form from the following websites:

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Homeschooling

http://ccsd.net/divisions/education-services-division/homeschool

# **Enrolling a Child Who Was Homeschooled into a Public School**

Parents enrolling student(s) need to provide the appropriate enrollment documentation; this will include an official birth certificate, immunization record, proof of address and registration form. At the elementary level, schools will consider commonly used practices to determine the academic placement of the student. Secondary schools will evaluate a student's course of study and units of credit to determine grade level placement (NAC 389.680). A student shall be granted credit toward graduation/promotion to high school for successful completion of courses accredited by one of the following:

- (1) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- (2) New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- (3) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- (4) Northwest Accreditation Association
- (5) Southern Association of Schools and Colleges
- (6) Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- (7) Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation

The parent/institution must provide the school with a copy of the accreditation for verification purposes.

Education Services Division
Department of Pupil Personnel Services
Office of Homeschool and Work Exemptions
(702) 799-8630 extension 5214

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