1. **INTRODUCTION**

The North Providence School Department recognizes that parents have a statutory right to provide home schooling for their children in accordance with R.I.G.L. 16-19-2. The School Committee has adopted this policy to ensure that children educated in the home receive a comparable education to those educated in the public school setting as required by state law and regulation.

1. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures by which the School Committee may accept a parental home schooling proposal.

1. **HOME SCHOOLING POLICY**

The School Committee of the North Providence Schools will approve a program of home instruction which is substantially equal to the curriculum provided to a student attending a public school within the town. In compliance with the Rhode Island General Law 16-19-1 and 16-19-2, the North Providence School Committee shall approve home schooling only when the home schooling proposal compiles with applicable Federal and State statutory and regulatory requirements. The Committee shall approve requests to home school pursuant to the standards set out in R.I.G.L. 16-19-2 as amended from time to time and the following requirements:

1. The period of home instruction is substantially equal to that required by law in the public schools;
2. An attendance record must be maintained, made available upon request to the Superintendent or his/her designee, and returned to the Superintendent at the end of the home schooling instructional year;
3. Reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, the history of the US, the history of RI, the principles of American government, health, and physical education shall be taught in the English language substantially to the same extent as such subjects are required to be taught in the public schools; and that the teaching of the English language and of other subjects indicated herein shall be thorough and efficient;
4. The Superintendent shall require and the parents and students shall submit to an annual evaluation of the home instruction program to measure student academic progress. The evaluation measures may include a report card, written evaluations, dated work samples, or similar evaluative tools. Annual testing or standardized testing, while not required by RI General Laws for home schooling, may also be used as a type of evaluation. If state testing is a parental choice, the District will arrange for the testing.
5. Please refer to RI Law 16-23-2 which provides information regarding the loan of textbooks. Parents/Guardians may also refer to [www.ride.ri.gov](http://www.ride.ri.gov) for more information regarding homeschooling.

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1. **GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Home schooled students’ participation in North Providence Public Schools academic programs, enrollment in specific courses, extracurricular and /or interscholastic activities, formal testing programs, and the use of school facilities is subject to the approval of the School Committee on a case by case basis. Participation in said programs and activities is contingent upon the following:

1. Space is available within the set student participation level of program and/or class;
2. First preference shall be given to students enrolled in the North Providence School District, including new enrollees;
3. The parents/guardians shall provide transportation to and from an approved activity;
4. Home schooled students shall follow and adhere to all rules , meet the same requirements as established for district students, including health, age, and other expectations;
5. Home Schooling participation will not result in a direct cost to the District;
6. Students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities must meet all eligibility requirements of the Rhode Island Athletic Interscholastic League and all stipulations aforementioned; and
7. All costs associated with home instruction shall be borne by the parents/guardians.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR HOME SCHOOLING REQUEST**

Parents/Guardians who wish to educate their child/children at home may request approval from the North Providence School Committee each year.

The following procedure will be followed:

1. Notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing by completing the NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE A PROGRAM OF HOME SCHOOLING and Compliance Agreement (available through the District Office);
2. Submit the proposed home schooling program of studies to the Office of the Superintendent for review of intended curriculum;
3. Submit the completed form to the Office of the Superintendent at least one month prior to the start of the school year.
4. Upon completion of the review process, the Superintendent will recommend approval, approval with modifications, or non-approval of the home schooling request to the School Committee;
5. The Superintendent will notify the parents/guardians of the time and date of the School Committee meeting and the decision of the School Committee;
6. Approval of the home schooling request by the School Committee indicates that the Committee determines that the parents/guardians follow the terms and conditions of the state law;
7. Until the home schooling proposal has been approved by the North Providence School Committee or the Rhode Island Department of Education upon appeal, the child must attend his/her public-school program in accordance with the RI Compulsory Attendance Laws;

**HOME SCHOOLING PLANS**

Home school plans shall include the following:

1. Periods of attendance of the pupils in the home instruction is substantially equal to that required by law in public schools.
2. An attendance record must be maintained, made available upon request to the Superintendent or his/her designee, and returned to the Superintendent at the end of the homeschooling instructional year.
3. The homeschooling plan shall indicate instruction in reading, writing, geography, mathematics/arithmetic, the history of the United States, the history of Rhode Island, the principles of American Government and PE/Health shall be taught in the English language substantially to the same extent as these subjects are required to be taught in the public schools as well as any other subjects proscribed to be taught by the Rhode Island General Assembly and any other subject in any other language;
4. The parent or guardian shall submit reasonable evidence that the instruction will be thorough and efficient.
5. Parent/guardian submission of quarterly reports in a form reasonably satisfactory to the School Department. Such reports shall be submitted by the last day of each quarter of schoolwork and have sufficient detail clearly delineating student progress.

**REQUEST FOR DISTRICT TESTING**

Annual testing or standardized testing, while not required by RI General Laws for homeschooling, may also be used as a type of evaluation. Parents may request the District to perform state testing and other assessments.

Participation in said programs and activities is contingent upon the following:

1. Space is available within the set student participation level of program and/or class.
2. First preference shall be given to students enrolled in the North Providence School District, including new enrollees.
3. The parents/guardians shall provide transportation to and from an approved activity
4. Homeschooled students shall follow and adhere to all rules, meet the same requirements as established for district students, including health, age and other expectations.
5. Parents will reimburse the District for any increase in costs because of participating in such testing or assessments.
6. Students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities must meet all eligibility requirements of the Rhode Island Athletic Interscholastic League and applicable District and League rules.
7. All costs associated with home instruction shall be borne by the parents/guardians.

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**2021-2022**

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

The North Providence School Department in its desire to assist parents in the development of educational programs for their children will make every effort to work with parents who wish to home school. In this regard, the following agreement has been devised to assist the parties in the successful implementation of a home schooling program.

1. **Background Data**

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| Student: |
| Date of Birth: |
| Address: |
| Male/Female: |
| Parents/Guardians: |
| Address: |
| Home Phone Number: |
| Work Phone Number |
| Email: |
| Last School of Attendance: |
| Last Date of Attendance: |
| Grade Level: (attach report card if available) |
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| Education Levels: |
| Reading: |
| Math/Arithmetic: |
| Language: |
| Spelling: |
| Other: |
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| How were educational levels determined: |
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| Reasons for home education request: |
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| Medical/other health or related issues (optional): |
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1. **Proposed Education Plan**

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| Instructors |
| Name: |
| Address: |
| Phone Number: |
| Relationship to Student: |
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| Educational Background of Instructor: |
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| Teaching Experience: |
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| Location of Instruction: |
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| Instructional Timeframes (beginning and ending date): |
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Approximate amount of time to be allocated to each instructional area:

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|  | Daily | Weekly |
| Reading |  |  |
| English/Language |  |  |
| Math/Arithmetic |  |  |
| Science |  |  |
| Social Studies |  |  |
| Health |  |  |
| Physical Education |  |  |
| Art(s) |  |  |
| Other (specify) |  |  |
| Required | 330 minutes | 1650 |

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| Briefly describe instructional approaches: |
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| Briefly describe materials to be utilized: |
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| Will the student have daily access to the Internet? |

**COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT**

**Parental Compliance Agreement**

I agree to the following:

1. Maintenance of a daily attendance register by parents – to be returned to the school system by June 30, 2022.
2. Maintain and supply a sample portfolio of academic work in each subject taught; a list of books read; a list of field trips and any other material germane to the student’s educational program. Said material is to be made available to the school system at the conclusion of the school year if requested.
3. I will provide the school system with end of the year test results and/or have the child participate in the school’s annual testing program – spring of each school year.
4. I confirm that I have reviewed the School Districts’ Home School Policy.
5. I agree that I will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding the homeschooling of my child.

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| If parents will provide test results (please specify): |
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| Standardized test administered: |
| Subjects tested: |
| Date: |
| Test location: |
| Test administrator: |
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| Test results: (or attach test copies) |
| Math: |
| Reading: |
| Other: |

***Or***

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| Parents will have the child participate in the school’s testing program at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school.  Parents will contact the building principal to arrange testing. |

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature Louise K. Seitsinger

Assistant Superintendent

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