

NORTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #200

BOARD POLICY

NO. 3114

PART-TIME, HOME-BASED OR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Home-based instruction may be provided by a parent who has filed a declaration of intent with the North River district office by September 15 or within two (2) weeks of the beginning of any school term. All decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, methods, timing, place and provision for the evaluation of home-based instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent. Failure of a parent to comply with the standards as specified in the law shall constitute a violation of the compulsory attendance law.

Home-based instruction shall consist of instruction and related educational activities, including the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music. Such instruction shall be equivalent to the total annual program hours per grade level as established for public schools.

Home-based students are permitted to enroll and receive ancillary services provided that such students are otherwise eligible for full-time enrollment in the school district, and such courses or services are not available in the student's private school or an approved extension thereof. (Ancillary services are defined as any cocurricular service or activity, any health care service or activity, and any other services or activities, except "courses," for or in which pre-school through twelfth grade students are enrolled by a public school. Ancillary services shall include, but not be limited to, counseling, psychological services, testing, remedial instruction, speech and hearing therapy, health care services, tutorial services such as home or hospital instruction for the physically disabled, and sports activities.)

Offsetting the apparent decision-making authority that is delegated to the parent(s), the school district and its officials must recognize its responsibilities for:

1. Complying with provisions of the mandatory attendance laws (RCW 28A.27.010), and
2. Responding to reports of suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. While nonattendance and/or truancy may not prompt action by the Child Protective Services, the district would be advised to carry out its responsibilities by reporting a violation of the mandatory attendance law.

Legal Ref: RCW 28A.27.020, Chapter 441, Laws of 1985, WAC 395-121-180

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