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Home Schooling

Pursuant to guidance provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education, the New Milford Public Schools shall utilize the following procedures when the parents or other persons having control of a child between the ages of seven and eighteen withdraws their child from school or declines to enroll their child in school in favor of home schooling:

FullTime Home Schooling

1. The parents should file, with the Superintendent of Schools, a State Department of Education Notice of Intent form which outlines basic information about the program to be provided to their child. A Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one school year.
2. It is preferable that filing of the Notice of Intent occur at least 10 days before the start of the home schooling program.
3. When the school receives a Notice of Intent, it will be checked for completeness and kept as part of the District's permanent records. A complete form provides basic program information including the name of the teacher, subjects to be taught, days of instruction, and the teacher's method of assessment.
4. A parent, by filing a Notice of Intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of state law. Receipt of a Notice of Intent in no way constitutes approval by the school district of the content or effectiveness of a program of home schooling.
5. If a parent fails to file a Notice of Intent or files an incomplete form, a certified letter shall be sent to the parent requesting compliance within ten days. The certified letter shall request the parent to provide the school district with written notice that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §10-184.
6. An annual portfolio review will be held with the parents and school officials to determine if instruction in the required courses has been given.
7. Any continued refusal by the parent to comply with the reasonable request of the school district for completion and filing of the Notice of Intent or to participate in an annual portfolio review may cause the child to be considered truant.

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8. The school district shall not accept or require a Notice of Intent for any child younger than seven years or older than eighteen years of age.

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of parents. School attendance age requirements

10-220 Duties of boards of education

10-249 Enumeration of children of compulsory school age in school districts and by state departments having jurisdiction over such children.

10-250 Report showing number of children

10-251 Penalty for refusing to give age of child

Connecticut State Department of Education Circular Letter C-14, Series 1994-1995, "Revised Procedures Concerning Requests from Parents to Education Their Child at Home." (July 15, 1994)

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