



## **Barnstable Public Schools Home Education Procedures**

Please complete the attached Notice of Intent to Pursue a Home Education program for your child and return the form to:

Kathleen Turner, Executive Director  
Student Services and Social Emotional Learning

P.O. Box 955  
Hyannis, MA 02601

When completing the form, please be aware of the following points:

- Home education programs should normally begin at the start of the school year, and **requests should be submitted by June 1** of the preceding school year to allow for proper review and analysis.
- If this process is initiated during the school year, the student must remain in school until the school district and the parents agree jointly to the home education plan.
- For students with, or suspected of having an educational disability, the school district must provide or arrange for an evaluation, convene a team to determine eligibility and, if eligible, create an IEP. The district must make services available to all eligible students.
- A home education plan is valid for one school year, and must be approved each school year.
- Students engaged in home education programs do not receive a transcript or diploma from the Barnstable Schools.

**BARNSTABLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Notice of Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education**  
**for Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_**

Instructions: Please complete this form, attach any additional information and forward it to the Executive Director of Student Services and Social Emotional Learning prior to the starting date of the home education program. Expect a response to this request within ten school days if the form is received during the school year, or by June 1 for the following school year.

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**A. Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone (daytime):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(evening):** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. On a separate sheet please describe**

- the instructional program to be taught, including subjects, academic outcomes and instructional materials and/or curricula to be used.
- hours of instruction per day and number of school days per year.
- the academic background, life experiences and/or other qualification of those who will be instructing the child(ren), as they relate to the educational program.

**C. Please check how you intend to assess your child's progress.**

- Daily Logs  Journals  Progress Reports  Portfolios  Dated work samples
- An independent report made by a licensed teacher chosen by the parent.
- Standardized test results.
- Consultation with the Superintendent or appropriate school principal.
- Any other method agreed to by both the Superintendent and home educator(s). Please describe below.

**It is the responsibility of the parent to assure that the child will be available for testing by the District (should Barnstable seek to test the child).**

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

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**Date Submitted**

**District Response:**

- Approved
- Denied

Reason for denial:

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The signature of the school official indicates final approval of this plan. A parent/administrative conference may be scheduled.

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Signature of Superintendent or Designee

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Date of Response

**Failure of a home educator to abide in good faith by the procedures outlined above may result in the School Committee taking action under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, sections 2 and/or 4, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. CHINS proceedings pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 119, section 21, will not be invoked for any child pursuing a home education program.**

**REF: M.G.L. Chapter 76, Sections 1, 2, and 4 Charles Decision**