

Policy 1621: ^Home-Based Schooling

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The district shall consider all requests from parents or guardians who wish their children exempt from compulsory public school attendance.

(cf. 5112.1 – Exemptions from Attendance)

Exemptions requested under Education Code 48224 (Instruction by tutor) shall be granted only when the student is receiving instruction from a certificated teacher.

When home-based instruction is provided by a noncredentialed tutor, the student shall be either participating in an independent study program with a supervising credentialed instructor or enrolled in a private school.

When no request is made for exemption for instruction by tutor, or for enrollment in an independent study program, or when an affidavit registering as a private school has not been filed, the home-based student will be classified as truant in accordance with state law and board policy.

(cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

Independent Home Study

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians desiring to teach their children at home to enroll the student(s) in an independent study program provided by the district. Such enrollment allows continued contact and cooperation between the school system and home-based student. A private school affidavit is not required when children are taught at home through the Independent Study Program.

Through the independent study program, students may be provided with curriculum guides, state-adopted textbooks, workbooks, equipment, suggestions and assistance as needed.

Because socialization is an important benefit of regular school attendance, students in the independent study program should be offered field trips and other activities which bring home-based students into group settings on a temporary basis. The Superintendent or designee shall decide the number and type of field trips to be offered to the home-based student.

Admission will be determined by the procedures and eligibility requirements of the independent study program.

(cf. 6158 – Independent Study Programs)

Private School

Exemptions requested under Education Code 48222 (attendance in private school) are granted when:

1. The owner or administrative head of the private school has filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction an affidavit containing the information required by Education Code 33190.

2. The private school complies with the provisions of Education Code 48222. This statute includes requirements that:

a. The home-based student is being instructed in a private full-time day school by persons capable of teaching;

b. Instruction is offered in the several branches of study required to be taught in public schools.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Notice References

Unique Policy

Description

[This policy is unique to the district/COE and is not connected to an existing CSBA sample policy or included in regular quarterly updates from CSBA.](#)