

HOME SCHOOLING

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is:

1. to recognize the rights of parents to teach their children at home;
2. to acknowledge the role of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in registering and monitoring students who are being taught at home;
3. to establish procedures for the utilization of District resources and facilities by parents who are teaching their children at home.

The West Salem School District recognizes that parents have a right to teach their children at home, and is willing to assist parents in this endeavor whenever possible. The District may furnish basic and supplementary materials, provided these materials are in surplus supply, are used for legitimate purposes to enhance home school instructional activities, and are returned undamaged to the school.

Parents teaching their children at home may borrow library materials, and may check out materials in accordance with the same rules and regulations as enrolled students.

The District reserves the right to require a damage deposit on all materials loaned to parents for home schooling purposes. Computer equipment and software are expressly excluded from use outside the school building.

Home schooled students may, upon written request from parents, be allowed to participate in school district programs such as vocal or instrumental programs, field trips, and other special events, provided space and materials are available. Such students must then adhere to the same rules and regulations as enrolled students. Parents are responsible for transportation for students attending or participating in these special activities or events.

Home schooled students shall not be allowed to participate in the WIAA sanctioned athletic programs of the West Salem School District.

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