

Students Educated in Home Schools

The Bismarck Public School District acknowledges the right of a parents to provide their own child's education in a home-based setting. The Superintendent will accept as correct the information on the statement of intent filed with the district in accordance with North Dakota Century Code.

Students who are being home-educated are eligible to participate in individual classes with the Bismarck Public School District curriculum and in all extra-curricular activities on the same basis as students who are enrolled in the Bismarck Public School District schools.

The parent of any student seeking to transfer from home-education to the Bismarck Public School District schools will provide the District with all records concerning the courses taken by the child and the child's academic progress assessments that the parent has maintained according to law and immunization records in accordance with law and policy. These records, along with those of the standardized achievement tests that have been filed with the District, will be considered in placing the child in appropriate classes. Students who arrive without transcripts or other educational records which would indicate proper placement will be given standardized tests in the basic skills areas within three weeks of enrollment to facilitate proper placement.

Students who show characteristics of disabilities as defined by PL94-142, Section 504, and/or North Dakota law will be referred for testing and will receive an assessment within 30 days of the time the child was referred.

Grade placement and eligibility for credits toward high school graduation of a child transferring credits from a home-education program to the Bismarck Public School District will be made by the Principal in accordance with the State Home Education Law, Chapter 15.1-23-17.

- The Principal will evaluate the transferring student's current achievement and competency for each required subject and weigh those results against the achievement and competency test results taken by the students presently in the proposed grade.
- After completing the evaluation of the transferring student, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent and will then place the student into classes appropriate for his/her grade. Each student shall take a minimum course selection consisting of English, math, social science, and science.

No certificates or diplomas will be awarded to home-educated students by the Bismarck Public School District. In order for a home schooled student to graduate from the District, s/he must comply with the graduation requirements contained in GDA.

Complementary Documents

- GDA, Graduation Requirements