

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

## **POLICY 6172**

### **HOME SCHOOLING**

The current statute compels parents/guardians to cause children between the ages of six and sixteen:

“To attend the public schools of the district or a day school in which there is given instruction equivalent to that provided in the public schools for children of similar grades and attainments or to receive equivalent instruction elsewhere than at school.” (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-25)

The Cherry Hill Board of Education recognizes this constitutional and statutory right of parents/guardians and persons who have custody and control of children to choose alternatives to public education for their children.

The Board of Education, or its agent, will receive notice of parent’s decision to home school their children.

The Cherry Hill Board of Education will not assume any responsible to ensure, through a testing program, that an equivalent education is being provided to children receiving instruction in a private school or at home. Testing will not be provided for home-schooled students.

Home-schooled children will not be carried on the attendance register of pupils enrolled in the Cherry Hill Public Schools and will, therefore, not be eligible to attend any school function limited to enrolled students, or to participate in extracurricular activities.

The Board shall not be expected to provide materials, supplies, textbooks, auxiliary services such as health, library, music, art and child study team services, special programs, such as those for gifted and talented pupils, or other co-curricular activities to children who are home-schooled.

Cherry Hill Public Schools’ obligation to provide assistance for families who participate in home schooling shall be limited to providing the following:

1. Names and publishers of textbooks used at specific grade levels.  
(Parents will purchase textbooks on their own).

2. Scope and sequence and curriculum guides which may be purchased at a cost per page or at a rate established for the sale of curriculum guides.

Home-schooled children are not entitled to, and will not receive, a diploma or a certificate of completion from the Cherry Hill Board of Education. (Board of Education Policy IHF: Graduation Requirements).

The Superintendent will develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>	<i>General mandatory powers and duties</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 et seq.</u>	<i>Discipline of pupils</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2.2</u>	
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, -25</u>	<i>Attendance at school free of charge</i>
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20</u>	<i>Powers of board (county vocational schools)</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1</u>	<i>Graduation requirements</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2</u>	<i>High school diplomas</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Special Education</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5</u>	<i>Removal of students from general education for firearms offense</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.6</u>	<i>Removal of students from general education for assaults with weapons</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-9.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Alternative education programs</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Home or out-of-school instruction for general education students</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.4</u>	<i>Evaluation process for the annual review</i>
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 et seq.</u>	<i>Student behavior</i>
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.2</u>	
	<u>State v. Vaughn, 44 N.J. 142, 1965</u>	
	<u>State v. Massa, 95 N.J. Super. 382, 1967</u>	
	<u>20 USCA Section 8921 Gun Free Schools Act</u>	

Related Procedure:

Procedure H-4: Home Schooling

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