

District School Board of Niagara

POLICY MANUAL

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Children between the ages of six and eighteen are required to attend school. Under the authority of the *Education Act*, a child may be excused from attendance at school if “the child is receiving satisfactory instruction at home or elsewhere”.

Parents who wish to provide instruction to their children at home are required to notify the Board, in writing, of their intention. Thereafter, parents must inform the Board prior to September 1st of their intention to continue Home Schooling.

As required by Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum, the Board normally will accept the written notification from parents as evidence that the parents are providing satisfactory instruction.

Schools are not expected to provide learning materials, programs or activities for students who are not on the register.

Parents providing home schooling may request that their child(ren) participate in EQAO assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, administered in Grades 3, 6 and 9 and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, given in Grade 10, by contacting the Board in writing by September 30 of the year in which the assessments are being conducted.

When parents who have chosen to provide "satisfactory instruction at home or elsewhere" wish to register at a school of the District School Board of Niagara, the student shall be placed in an appropriate educational program by the Principal of the school which the student is entitled to attend. If a student is likely to need program adjustment or support in order to successfully meet curriculum expectations, consultation with Special Education Services or other Board personnel may be necessary prior to registration and placement.

Reference

- ▶ **Administrative Procedure 4-7: Home Schooling**