

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719  
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

## **611 HOMESCHOOL**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and provide guidelines in accordance with state law for parents who wish to have their children receive education in a homeschool setting that is an alternative to an accredited public or private school. The compulsory attendance law provides that the parent or guardian of a child is primarily responsible for assuring the child acquires knowledge and skills that are essential for effective citizenship.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

### **III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The parent of a homeschool child shall submit statements concerning immunization, as required by Minnesota Statute, to the superintendent of the school district in which the child resides by October 1 of each school year. A homeschool child, who is a resident of the school district, may enroll in classes in the school district as a shared-time pupil on the same basis as other non-public school students. The provisions of this policy shall not be determinative of whether the school district allows the enrollment of any pupils on a shared-time basis. The school district may limit enrollment of shared-time pupils in such classes based on the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or school building. School Board and administration retain sole discretion and control over scheduling of all classes and assignment of shared-time pupils to classes.

Upon formal request, the school district will provide textbooks and state tests and loan or provide them for use by a homeschool, if these items are available. The school district will not expend any amount for this purpose. If curriculum has both physical and electronic components, the school district will, at the request of the student or the student's parent or guardian, make the electronic component accessible to a resident student provided that the school district does not incur more than an incidental cost as a result of providing access electronically.

Upon formal request, the school district will provide pupil support services in the form of health services and counseling and guidance services to a homeschooled child. The school district is not required to expend an amount for any of these purposes that exceeds the amount the homeschool receives through the district for providing these services.

Homeschool students are eligible to participate in all Minnesota State High School League activities provided they meet school standards for academic performance and school and MSHSL standards for conduct. The homeschool is solely responsible for any costs or fees associated with participation.

The school district may provide transportation services to a homeschool child attending class at one of the district's schools on regularly scheduled routes within the school district boundaries. The School Board retains sole discretion and control and management of scheduling routes, establishment of the location of bus stops, manner and method of transportation.

A student who is homeschooled who wishes to receive a diploma from Prior Lake High School must satisfy all the high school graduation requirements, as outlined in the registration guide. Parents who are interested in applying to have homeschool courses count toward a Prior Lake Senior High School diploma should contact the principal's office to determine what criteria will be applied to determine whether and how much credit will be granted. Generally, in such cases, a student may need to pass proficiency tests or examinations to demonstrate their knowledge (e.g. math, history, science, geography, world language, swimming, etc.) or submit work they have completed in the homeschool (e.g. writing samples, technical projects, scientific studies or collections, etc.) Credit will not be granted for some high school courses where a large share of the grade is based on class participation or for courses not offered by the high school.

- Please refer to Policies 612, 613.1, & 620

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