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Linda Murray
Assistant Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

TO: Home-Based Schooling Families
Woodland Park School District Re-2

FROM: Linda Murray, Assistant Superintendent

RE: Homeschool Procedures

1. Homeschool students between the age of seven and sixteen must be enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home-school program.
2. If you choose to enroll in a home-based educational program, you must file a "Notice of Intent to Homeschool" with a school district in Colorado. The district you file in becomes your "district of attendance" and the district you reside in is your "district of residence." Filing this notice with a district protects you from truancy charges. We hope our residents will continue to file their notices of intent with the Woodland Park School District.
3. If you choose to file your intent for a home-based educational program in Woodland Park School District Re-2, you must file a "Notice of Intent to Home School". You may fill out the enclosed form or you may write a statement containing the name, age, place of residence, and number of hours of attendance of each child enrolled in said program. Please send Notice of Intent to Home School to Kelley Havin at PO Box 99, Woodland Park, CO 80866. **[Be advised a Notice of Intent to Homeschool must be filed every year.]**
4. Homeschool families are welcome to enroll in a number of choices available through our district so long as the student is enrolled prior to October 1st:
 - **WPSD On-Line Program:** Students in Kindergarten through High School may participate in our on-line program, at no cost to families registering before the beginning of the school year. We use Lincoln Interactive which is a full curriculum managed through an on-line computer system. The program is facilitated by a certified teacher and supported with highly qualified content area teachers. Families who register for a full on-line core curriculum (language arts, math, science and social studies) will be issued a voucher every 3 years towards the purchase of a computer and printer, as well as a monthly voucher to help cover the cost of high speed internet. Families should expect to spend approximately four to five hours a day working on the curriculum with a higher degree of parent participation at the lower grades. Students involved in the WPSD On-Line program will participate in all state

and district assessments including CMAS (Grades 3 – 10), ACT, PLAN, and literacy assessments, etc.

- **Homeschool Enrichment Academy:** WPSD offers a Homeschool Enrichment opportunity for students who are currently homeschooled or in our WPSD On-line Program for Grades K-8. Gateway Elementary Homeschool Enrichment Academy offers programs once a week for students in K-5, and Summit Elementary Homeschool Enrichment Academy offers programs once a week for students in K-8. Students in the Homeschool Enrichment Academy participate in hands-on science activities, robotics, media/technology, group projects, music, art, PE, Spanish and are welcome to attend scheduled school activities including assemblies, programs, etc.
- **Enrichment classes at the Middle School:** Homeschool or on-line families are welcome to attend core classes or enrichment classes at Woodland Park Middle School on a space-available basis. Students must enroll for at least two classes of instruction each semester. Students wishing to attend who are currently enrolled in another on-line program through a public school in Colorado must get prior approval from the on-line program.
- **High School classes:** High School students may enroll at Woodland Park High School for at least two graded courses each semester. These classes may be core subjects and/or elective classes. (Note: Some classes may not be available due to prerequisite requirements or space availability). Students wishing to attend who are currently enrolled in another on-line program through a public school in Colorado must get prior approval from the on-line program.

Please make an appointment with the following staff to discuss any of the above options in more detail:

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On-Line Program or Homeschool Enrichment Academy:

- Sandy Struble (K-5) sstruble@wpsdk12.org; 719-329-8532
- Diana Roberts (6-12) droberts@wpsdk12.org; 719-641-7480

Gateway Elementary – Ashley Lawson 686-2051

Summit Elementary – Katie Rexford 686-2401

Middle School Principal – Yvonne Goings 686-2200

High School Interim Principal – Kevin Burr 686-2067

5. Home school may not be established solely to avoid enforcement of the compulsory attendance law for students who have been declared habitually truant unless you submit a written description of the curriculum to be used in your program along with the written notification of establishment of the program required. Submission of this written curriculum will not prevent court proceedings from continuing until your curriculum is reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent.
6. Woodland Park School District does not provide curriculum, textbooks, or materials to homeschooling families. However, if you are interested in purchasing these items, see the last page for some resources that are available. You may call me for assistance or advice at anytime.

7. Students of high school age in home-based school programs are not receiving credit toward graduation from Woodland Park High School. Students from home-based educational programs may re-enter the district's schools at any time. With the consent of the student's parent/guardian, the district shall place the student at the grade level deemed most appropriate by the district. All students from home-based programs must demonstrate proficiency in the district-adopted content standards at their appropriate placement level. The district may test the student to determine placement. The district shall accept the transcripts from a homebased educational program. In order to determine whether the courses and grades earned are consistent with district requirements and district academic standards, the district shall require submission of the student's work or other proof of academic performance for each course for which credit toward graduation may be waived. You are advised to talk with a high school counselor about graduation requirements prior to your child's high school program. **To receive a Woodland Park High School diploma, a student must meet all credit requirements AND be enrolled as a full-time student for the student's senior year.**
8. Woodland Park School District Re-2 is not responsible for providing special education or related services to your child if you withdraw your child from the public school program. There is no need for a staffing to verify the change in placement if you choose to withdraw your child from public school.

District Re-2 is still responsible for evaluating your child's need for special education services. Thus, you may contact Special Education Coordinator Adric Arndt at 686-2028 to request screening or make a referral for a special education evaluation. Following an evaluation of your child, we would notify you of a staffing and make recommendations as to services your child might qualify for and where you might find these services. Once again, we would not be responsible for providing services, but would recommend services to you.

9. Each child participating in a non-public homebased educational program shall be evaluated when such child reaches grades three, five, seven, nine, and eleven. Each child shall be given a nationally standardized achievement test to evaluate the child's academic progress, or a qualified person shall evaluate the child's academic progress. The test or evaluation results, whichever is appropriate, shall be submitted to the school district where your "Notice of Intent to Homeschool" is filed or to an independent or parochial school within the State of Colorado. If the test or evaluation results are submitted to an independent or parochial school, the name of such school shall be provided to the school district where your "Notice of Intent to Homeschool" is filed. The purpose of such tests or evaluations shall be to evaluate the educational progress of each child.

If the student's composite score on the test is above the 13th percentile, the student shall continue to be eligible for the home-based educational program. If the score is at or below the 13th percentile, the parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to have the student re-tested using an alternate version of the same test or a different nationally standardized test selected by the parent/guardian from a list supplied by the State Board of Education.

If the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is making sufficient academic progress according to ability, the student shall continue to be exempt from compulsory attendance.

If the composite score on a retest continues to be at or below the 13th percentile or if the evaluation conducted by a qualified person indicates that the student is not making sufficient academic progress, the district shall take steps to require the parent/guardian to enroll the student in a public, independent, or parochial school.

10. Instead of administering a nationally standardized test at grades three, five, seven, nine and eleven, parents may have their child's academic progress evaluated by a "qualified person" at those grade levels.

A "qualified person" is a licensed teacher, a teacher employed by an independent or parochial school, a licensed psychologist, or a person with a graduate degree in education.

11. Due to budget and time constraints Woodland Park School District does not offer achievement testing for homeschool families.
12. Home school students may try out and participate in extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities pursuant to 22-33-104.5 Home Based Education. For more information contact the Activities/Athletics office at 686-2016. Activities such as dances are allowed as long as emergency contact information is provided to the school administrator.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in your mission to provide a quality home-based instructional program for your child/children. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about academic standards, instructional planning, and assessments. Have a good year!

Resources

Homeschool in Colorado

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/choice/homeschool>

Colorado Homeschooling Support Groups

<https://www.homeeddirectory.com>

American Schools (grades 9-12)

Website: <https://www.americanschoolorcorr.com>

Phone: (800)531-9268

Brigham Young University High School Independent Study Program (Grades 9-12)

Website: <https://is.byu.edu/about/high-school-programs>

Phone: (801)914-8931

North Dakota Center for Distance Education

Website: <https://www.ncde.org>

Phone: (701)298-4830

The Keystone School

Website: <https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com>

Phone: (800)255-4937