

## **Administrative Guidelines for an Exemption from Compulsory Attendance for Home School Students**

### **Compulsory Attendance**

Students who are at least six years of age, or who have been previously enrolled in first grade, and who have not yet reached their 19th birthday shall attend school for the entire period the program is offered, unless exempted as indicated below. Students enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten shall attend school. Board Policy FEA (LEGAL)

### **Exemptions from Compulsory Attendance Requirements**

A student in a home school shall be exempt from compulsory attendance if he or she is pursuing in good faith a curriculum consisting of books, workbooks, other written materials (including those that appear on an electronic screen of either a computer or video tape monitor), or any combination of these. The curriculum shall be designed to meet basic education goals of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and a study of good citizenship. *TEA v. Leeper*, 893 S.W.2d 432 (Tex. 1994). Board Policy FEA (LEGAL)

### **Qualifying for Exemption from Compulsory Attendance Requirements**

When the District becomes aware that a student is being or will be homeschooled, the Superintendent or designee may request in writing a letter of notification from the parents of their intention to homeschool using a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and a study of good citizenship. Board Policy FEA (LOCAL).

The enclosed form serves as the LCISD letter of notification.

### **Students Returning to Public School from a Home School**

Parents who choose to re-enroll their child in a school within the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District must complete the required registration procedure as outlined by Board policy. Students coming from a home school are classified as students coming from a non-accredited school. Therefore, the school district shall use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate placement for the home-schooled student.

- In grades 1-8: Students are placed in a grade level based upon the performance data provided district officials by the parent, the age of the student, and/or performance information that the district obtains through formal assessment procedures. Board Policy / Admin Regulation EHDC (LOCAL).
- In grades 9-12: To receive credit, students shall score a grade of 70 or above on an approved Credit by Examination. Board Policy EHDC (LOCAL).

**LCISD Home School**

***Letter of Assurance***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of the district's administrative guidelines concerning compulsory attendance and a Lamar CISD staff member has explained the process and procedures needed for me to comply with the district's guidelines and procedures necessary to qualify for and maintain a Compulsory Attendance Exemption.

I will be home-schooling using an appropriate curriculum that addresses the areas of reading, spelling, grammar, math, and good citizenship. I certify that I am accepting the total responsibility for servicing educational needs.

Date enrolled in homeschool program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature  
or student's signature if age 18 or older