

# Winthrop Public Schools

## Home School Process

Under Massachusetts law, parent(s) or guardian(s) have the right to teach their school-aged (six to sixteen) children at home as long as they notify the local school district and receive approval for a home schooling/otherwise educated plan.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent, and/or his/her designee, to approve the plans for students residing in the Town of Winthrop.

Plans should be submitted to the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability in advance of beginning an otherwise educated program. If a student's plan is not approved in advance, the student's name will remain on the roster of their public school and the child will be listed as absent until such time as the plan is approved.

The home-schooling process is initiated by a written request from parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and the submission of a home schooling/otherwise educated plan. The plan must include the following elements:

- ***Subjects of study***
- ***Home teaching schedule***
- ***Materials and/or curriculum***
- ***Agreed upon evaluation methods***
- ***Academic credentials or other qualifications of the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) who will be instructing student***

If it is determined the program is equal to public schooling in its thoroughness and efficiency, approval will be granted. In addition to the above approval, a written evaluation must be submitted to the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability at the half-way point in the school year and again at the end of the school year, indicating the progress the student is making or has obtained in each subject area.

To submit a Home Education Plan for approval, please contact the Assistant Superintendent:

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