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## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Home Schooling

### **1. What office monitors home schooling in the District?**

*The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Home School Office is located at 810 First St, NE Washington, DC, 20002.*

### **2. Are there regulations that govern home schooling in the District?**

*Yes. They can be found at DCMR Chapter 52. The purpose of the District's home school regulations is to ensure that students receiving home schooling are receiving regular and through instruction.*

### **3. What is the notification process for home schooling in the District of Columbia?**

*A parent or legal guardian who chooses to provide home schooling in the District of Columbia shall submit a home school notification form 15 days prior to instruction. Notification should be done annually on August 15<sup>th</sup> every year thereafter. If child is currently enrolled the parent should also notify the school **BEFORE** removal to administer home school instruction. The parent/guardian must submit form annually thereafter. Additionally, the OSSE should be notified when there is a change in address or discontinuation.*

**4. Do parents need permission from their child's school to home school?** *No. However, parents must notify the school of their intent to home school 15 days prior to withdrawal from school.*

### **5. Is there a website that can get parents started with home school instruction?**

*There are hundreds of websites that offer guidance and information about home schooling. We suggest doing a search on the Internet to begin that process.*

**6. Can a parent/ legal guardian home school other children?** *No. Home school instruction can only be given to children within the care of their parent or legal guardian.*

**7. Can home school students be dually enrolled in a public, charter or non-public schools?** *No. The District of Columbia home school law does not offer dual enrollment nor allow participation in extra-circular activities associated with DCPS, public charter or non-public schools.*

**8. How does a parent/guardian create a report card for their child?** *There are a variety of websites that assist home school parents with creating report cards.*

**9. How do home school students receive their diplomas?** *There are a variety of websites that offer assistance in preparing high school diplomas.*

**10. What happens if OSSE finds deficiencies in the home school instruction?**

*If the deficiencies in the program indicate that the child is not receiving regular and thorough instruction, the parent/guardian will be notified and must provide a corrective action plan within*

*30 days. Please see the regulations for an detailed outline of the corrective action process.*

**For Additional Questions** - contact *Stephanie Thomas, Home School Coordinator*  
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