SUBJECT: HOME INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOLING)

From time to time, parents will choose to instruct their children at home. The School District will attempt to cooperate with parents who wish to provide home schooling for their children realizing that the child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to students of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic, and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the required courses as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulation Section 100.10.

Provision of Services to Home-Instructed Students

Regarding Home-Instructed Students:

They are not awarded a high school diploma. A high school diploma may only be awarded to a student enrolled in a registered secondary school who has completed all program requirements set by the Board of Regents, the school or the District.

a) They are not eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's Regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports.

   ~~However, at the option of the District, they *may* participate in intramural and other school-sponsored club activities.~~ The School District does not permit home-instructed students to participate in such extracurricular activities.

b) The District is not required to loan available textbooks and other materials (e.g., library materials, microscopes, computer software, movie projectors).

   However, the District shall not provide such textbooks and other materials to the extent available to home-instructed students.

c) The School District is not required to furnish health services.

d) The District is not responsible for providing remedial programs.

e) The District is *not permitted* to provide Occupational and Vocational Education programs (career and technical education) nor programs for the Gifted to home-instructed students.

f) The District shall offer a home-instructed student with disabilities the special education services as addressed in the approved Individualized Education Program (IEP) by the Committee on Special Education. *However, there is no requirement that such services be provided in the student's home.* Further, the District shall conduct a census and register of students with disabilities who reside in the District in accordance with Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

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g) Students instructed at home shall not be allowed to use school facilities, except as provided for community organizations in Policy #3270 -- Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment.

Primary responsibility for determining compliance with Commissioner's Regulations addressing home instruction rests with the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which a home-instructed student resides.

Education Law Sections 3204, 3205, 3210(2), 3212(2), 3240-42, 3602-c and 4402
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
Sections 100.10, 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(b)(2) and 200.2(a)