

# Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

**Home Schools**

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**JBAA**

Rescinds:

Board Approved:

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1 The Board recognizes its legal responsibility to ensure that all children of compulsory attendance age  
2 have the opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate under the law.

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4 The Board will follow state law in cooperating with parents who wish to have their children receive an  
5 education provided at home.<sup>1</sup>

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7 A parent wishing to conduct a home school shall meet the following requirements<sup>2</sup>:

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9 1. Provide notice to the director of schools by August 1 before the commencement of each school  
10 year of the intent to conduct a home school;
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12 2. Submit to the director of schools the name, number, age, grade level of children involved,  
13 location of the school, curriculum to be offered, proposed hours of instruction, qualifications  
14 of the parent/teacher, whether a college preparatory or general course of education will be  
15 taught in grades 9-12, and a description of the courses to be taught each year;
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17 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection of the local director of schools;
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19 4. Submit attendance records to the director of schools at the end of each school year;
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21 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of instructional  
22 days as are required by state law for public schools;
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24 6. Possession of a high school diploma or GED by the parent/teacher conducting classes in  
25 grades K-8 or possession of at least a baccalaureate degree by the parent/teacher conducting  
26 classes in grades 9-12, or proper State Department of Education exemption;
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28 7. Cooperate in the administration to home school students of appropriate tests by the  
29 Commissioner of Education, his/her designee or by a professional testing service;
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31 8. Take action according to state law if home school student falls behind appropriate grade level;
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33 9. Submit proof to the director of schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as  
34 required by law;
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36 10. Submit proof to the director of schools that other health services and examinations as required  
37 by law have been received by the home school student; and
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39 11. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a specific  
40 subject, employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of parent/teacher.

1 If one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board authorizes the director of schools to take  
 2 formal action to bring the child into compliance with Compulsory Attendance Law either in the home  
 3 school or in a public, private or church-related school.

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 5 It shall be the policy of this Board that public school facilities shall be available for home school  
 6 instruction only when *all* of the following conditions exist:

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 8 1. Special needs courses are being taught which require services unavailable to the home school  
 9 student;
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 11 2. These services cannot be provided through any means other than the public schools;
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 13 3. Requests for services are made known by the home school parent when notice is given to the  
 14 director of schools of the intent to conduct a home school;
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 16 4. The director of schools investigates requests and makes recommendations to the Board;
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 18 5. No overcrowding, additional expenses, including providing transportation, or other special  
 19 situations which interfere with the normal operation of the school system shall be incurred;  
 20 and
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 22 6. Approval by the Board on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup>

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 24 The director of schools, through the attendance supervisor, shall have the attendance records of the home  
 25 school inspected at least two (2) times each school year in order to provide assistance in implementing  
 26 the Compulsory Attendance Law.<sup>4</sup>

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 28 If a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind his/her appropriate grade level in his/her  
 29 comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests, and if a certified teacher who would have taught  
 30 the child at his/her grade level determines through appropriate means that the student is not learning  
 31 disabled, the director of schools shall require the parents to enroll the child in a public, private or church-  
 32 related school.<sup>5</sup>

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 40 Legal References:

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- 42 1. TCA 49-6-3001(c).
- 43 2. TCA49-6-3050(b).
- 44 3. TCA 49-6-3050(a).
- 45 4. TCA 49-6-3050(b)(2).
- 46 5. TCA 49-6-3050(b)(6)(C).
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