

Morgan County Board of Education

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1 A parent wishing to conduct a home school¹ shall meet the following requirements²:

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

36 If one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board authorizes the superintendent to take formal
37 action to bring the child into compliance with the Compulsory Attendance Law (until the child has reached
38 age 17),⁶ either in the home school or in a public, private or church-related school.

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40 It shall be the policy of this Board that public school facilities shall be available for home school instruction
41 only when *all* of the following conditions exist:
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- 2 1. Special needs courses are being taught which require services unavailable to the home school student;
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- 5 2. These services cannot be provided through any means other than the public schools;
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- 7 3. Requests for services are made known by the home school parent when notice is given to the
- 8 superintendent of the intent to conduct a home school;
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- 10 4. The superintendent investigates request and make recommendations to the Board;
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- 12 5. No overcrowding, additional expenses, including providing transportation, or other special
- 13 situations which interfere with the normal operation of the school system shall be incurred; and
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- 15 6. Approval by the Board on a case-by-case basis.³
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17 The superintendent, through the attendance supervisor, shall have the attendance records of the home
 18 school inspected at least two (2) times each school year in order to provide assistance in implementing
 19 the Compulsory Attendance Law.⁴

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 21 If a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind his appropriate grade level in his/her
 22 comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests, and if a certified teacher who would have taught
 4 the child at his/her grade level determines through appropriate means that the student is not learning
 5 disabled, the superintendent shall require the parents to enroll the child in a public, private or church-
 26 related school.⁵

39 Legal Reference:

- 40 1. TCA 49-6-3001(c).
- 41 2. TCA 49-6-3050(b).
- 42 3. TCA 49-6-3050(a).
- 43 4. TCA 49-6-3050(b)(2).
- 4 5. TCA 49-6-3050(b)(6)(C).
- 45 6. Chapter 535 of the Public Acts of 1992, Section 81(2)(C).