

**BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
F 11R: PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOLERS IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND
ACTIVITIES**

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The Burlington Schools, in partnership with families and the community, will educate and inspire students to influence and shape the future. Our core beliefs are:

- Everyone can learn;
- The learning environment should be safe, respectful, caring and attractive;
- Education is the responsibility of every individual in the community;
- Learning is a life-long process, everybody teaches, everybody learns;
- Each person is intrinsically valuable;
- Diversity is a strength of our community;
- Communication and access to information is essential to learning;
- Students learn in a variety of ways;
- Continuous improvement is the result of on-going review and evaluation, and the will to change;
- Investment in the education of our youth is vital to a healthy community.

The Burlington School District recognizes that some families believe home schooling is in the best interest of their child/children/family. The District strives to provide whatever educational services that it determines that it can, in ways that are consistent with the needs of those regularly enrolled students and home schoolers. The District *may* extend to school-aged students enrolled in home schooling programs approved by the Commissioner of Education the opportunity to participate and make use of District programs consistent with the Home Schooling Administrative Procedures. The District will notify all known Home Schooling families of these procedures.

- 1) Home schooled students are invited to apply to participate in school courses, programs, and activities, and to use school educational materials and equipment. Parents of home schooled students must contact the Principal of the appropriate school, based on grade level and neighborhood, sufficiently in advance of the requested participation, as outlined in Home Schooling administrative procedures.
- 2) The home schooled student will be added to the school register and will be counted for ADM and state aid purposes for the portion of the school day in which she/he is enrolled in a school program.
- 3) The home schooled student must, like other students, abide by the rules of conduct and all other conditions stated in Student Handbooks, and District Policies and Procedures.

- 4) Participation in athletic and other extra-curricula programs and activities will follow the guidelines adopted by the Vermont (Headmasters) Principals' Association.
- 5) Acceptance of home school records for credit or diploma granting purposes will be at the discretion of the principal.
- 6) The District, as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, shall offer special education services to eligible home schooled students which are comparable to the quality, scope and opportunity for participation as those offered to students enrolled in public school programs.

Legal References:

16 V.S.A. Para. 11(21); 166b Home Schooling Definition and Programs
20 U.S.C. Para. 1400 et seq., IDEA
34 C.F.R. 300.450-2 and 76.650-662
Vermont State Board Rule 2367

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