

Grafton Public Schools
School Committee Policy
Section I Instruction
IHBG Alternative Education Home Instruction Policy

The Grafton School Committee has the responsibility to enforce the compulsory attendance law. The compulsory attendance law provides adequate standards to determine that each student's needs for educational care are met. An alternative manner of instruction may be a home instruction program approved and evaluated by the Superintendent (or designee) of the Grafton Public Schools.

The Grafton School Committee authorizes home instruction programs as an alternative manner of instruction subject to the following:

1. Parents/guardians must obtain approval prior to removing the children from the public school and beginning the home education program.

2. The plan must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee for approval. The plan must contain the following elements:

- A two or three sentence summary description for each course to be taught (art, English/Language arts/reading, math, music, physical education, science, social studies, health education, etc.);
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- The objectives (student performance outcomes) for each course to be taught. The objectives should be sequenced in the order that they will be taught from September to June;
- Lists of textbooks, workbooks, or other instructional materials to be used;
- Lists of supplementary materials to be used for enrichment purposes;
- A description of a plan to be used in monitoring the student's progress.

3. The Superintendent has the right to approve or reject the home education plan. However, if rejected, the Superintendent must detail the reasons for the decision and allow the parent(s)/guardian the opportunity to revise the proposal to remedy its inadequacies.

4. If the Superintendent rejects the plan, the parent(s)/guardian(s) have the right to petition the School Committee to explain the plan and seek approval.

5. Should the parent(s)/guardians begin the program prior to receiving proper approval, the Principal may initiate a truancy proceeding or a care and protection proceeding.

6. Any home instruction plan must be approved annually if the student(s) is to continue in a home study program for more than one year.

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