

WILLIAMSPORT AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT



HOME SCHOOLING
PACKET

WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES
2780 WEST FOURTH STREET, WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701
(570) 327-5500, EXT. 40000

HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Williamsport Area School District Policy 137, Home Education Programs can be found on the district website www.wasd.org under, Our District, Board Policies. Home Education Programs must be conducted in compliance with Pennsylvania Law, and Policy 137.

Application/Affidavit:

Appendix A is the application and affidavit required by the Williamsport Area School District for home schooling. The form must be submitted to Mrs. Kelli Neece, at the Williamsport District Service Center (address and contact listed below). Once the application has been reviewed and approved by the Director of Student Services, a letter will be sent confirming approval by the school district. An affidavit is required for each individual child being enrolled in home schooling.

Important Dates:

Ongoing: All new applications and affidavits to conduct home schooling are requested at least (2) two weeks in advance of beginning home schooling.

June 30th: Evaluator's certification must be submitted to the school district certifying appropriate education.

August 1st: Annually and prior to commencement of the Home Education Program, a new affidavit is required to be submitted to the Williamsport Area School District, along with academic goals and immunization information.

August 12th: All requests for WASD materials are due. (**Appendix B**)

August 12th: All requests for participation in academic classes are due. (**Appendix C**)

August 12th: All requests for participation in PIAA Interscholastic Athletics are due. (**Appendix D**)

Staff Contacts:

Application/Affidavit: Mrs. Kelli Neece
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570-327-5500 x40000 Email: kneece@wasd.org

Director of Student Services: Dr. Brandon Pardoe
2780 West Fourth Street
570-327-5500 x40310 Email: bpardoe@wasd.org

Athletic Director: Mr. Sean McCann
Williamsport Area High School
570-323-8411 x60507 Email: smccann@wasd.org

Regulations:

Under School Board Policy 137, home educated students will be permitted to participate in curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities of the school district subject to administrative regulations. No special transportation accommodations will be provided to home educated students.

Home educated students who wish to participate in academic classes will be required to complete the registration enrollment process and provide all required documentation.

The school principal and staff will be responsible for supervision and discipline of home educated students while participating in school activities. Students will be expected to follow all rules and regulations of the Williamsport Area School District.

Materials:

August 12th - Requests to use school materials must be submitted by this date for use the next school year.

Appendix B is used for all requests for materials, one request per student. The request form asks questions to help school staff better understand your interest in materials.

Homeschool Students Participating in WASD Academics

Home school students enrolling in any WASD academic classes must complete the district registration enrollment process and provide all necessary documentation. The district Registration Portal is available online at www.wasd.org under the registration tab. Students will not be able to start academic classes or co-curricular activities until all documentation and forms have been completed.

Appendix C is used for all requests to participate in curricular academic classes. The request form is used to ensure students are placed in the correct academic class. Requests that are made after the August 12th deadline will still be accepted but will be based on availability in the requested class.

*No special transportation accommodations will be provided for students taking academic classes.

Homeschool Students Participating in WASD PIAA Interscholastic Athletics

Home school students wishing to participate in PIAA Interscholastic Athletics must submit Appendix D (PIAA Athletics Request) no later than August 12.

An athletic physical and PIAA paperwork must also be completed for participation. This information is available on the wasd.org website, under Parents & Students tab, Student Services, Home Schooling.

*For all PIAA athletics, all procedures and guidelines enforced by the PIAA and WASD schools must be met in order to be eligible to participate.

Appendix D is used for all PIAA Interscholastic athletics requests and is due by August 12th. Requests made after the August 12th deadline will still be accepted, but cannot guarantee participation if the sport season has already started.

*No special transportation accommodations will be provided for students participating in athletics.

Appendix A
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AFFIDAVIT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF A HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

To the superintendent of the Williamsport Area School District, I attest that I

_____ am the parent, guardian
(name of supervisor)

or legal custodian of _____ aged _____.
(name) (age)

I attest that I am the supervisor of the home education program and am responsible for the provision of instruction in the home education program and that I have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The program will be conducted at _____.
(address)

The phone number at this site is _____.
(phone number)

1. I attest that the home education program will be in compliance with Section 13-1327.1 of Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated.

2. I attest that the subjects listed in paragraphs below will be offered in the English language for a minimum of 180 days of instruction, or for a minimum of 900 hours at the elementary level and 990 hours at the secondary level. Secondary age is considered seventh through twelfth grade.

At the Elementary school level the following courses shall be taught: English, to include spelling, reading, and writing; arithmetic; science; geography, history of the United States and Pennsylvania; civics; safety education, including regular and continuous instruction in the dangers and prevention of fires; health and physiology; physical education; music; and art.

At the Secondary level the following courses shall be taught: English, to include language, literature, speech and composition; science; geography; social studies, to include civics, world history, history of the United States and Pennsylvania; mathematics, to include general mathematics, algebra, and geometry; art; music, physical education; health; and safety education, including regular and continuous instruction in the dangers and prevention of fires. Other courses may be included at the discretion of the supervisor. The following minimum courses in grades nine through twelve are established as a requirement for graduation in a home education program: 1) Four years of English; 2) Three years of mathematics; 3) Three years of science; 4) Three years of social studies, 5) Two years of arts and humanities.

3. I attest that the education objectives in the home education program are by subject area as attached to this affidavit. (attach objectives)

4. If a child in the home education program has been identified pursuant to the provisions of the education of the handicapped act as needing special education services, excluding those students identified as gifted or talented, then also attached is written notification of approval from a Pennsylvania certified special education teacher, or a licensed clinical psychologist, or a certified school psychologist that this program addresses the specific needs of the student.

5. I attest that _____ has been immunized against the
(student name)

following diseases and I have attached evidence thereof or said student has a medical or religious exemption pursuant to Section 1303(c) and (d) of Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated:

- a. Diphtheria
- b. Tetanus
- c. Poliomyelitis
- d. Measles (Rubeola)
- e. German Measles (Rubella)
- f. Mumps
- g. Hepatitis B

6. I attest that _____ has received the health and medical
(student name)

services required by Article XIV of the Public School Code, and I have attached evidence thereof or has a religious exemption under Section 14-1419 of Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated.

Article XIV requires that every child of school age be given by methods established by the state's Advisory Health Board, an annual vision test, a hearing test, a measurement of height and weight, tests for tuberculosis under medical supervision and other tests required by the Advisory Health Board. Children upon entry into school and in the 6th and 11th grades must have a medical examination and comprehensive appraisal of health by a physician. Children upon entry into school and in the 3rd and 7th grades must have a dental examination by a dentist. A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each child.

7. I attest that no adult living in the home, including the undersigned supervisor, or any person having legal custody of _____
(student name)

has been convicted within five years of today's date of any of the following offenses under Section 111 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

- Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).
- Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).
- Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).
- Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).
- Section 3121 (relating to rape).
- Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).
- Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).
- Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).
- Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).
- Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault).
- Section 3127 (relating to indecent exposure).
- Section 4302 (relating to incest).
- Section 4303 (relating to concealing death of a child).
- Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children).
- Section 4305 (relating to dealing in infant children).
- A felony offense under Section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses).
- Section 5903(c) or (d) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances).
- Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors).
- Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).
- An offense designated as a felony under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 63) known as "the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act"
- An out-of-State or Federal offense similar in nature to those crimes listed above.

Signed and notarized

Supervisor's signature

Attachments:

- Education objectives by subject matter
- Evidence of immunization
- Evidence of health and medical service

Sworn and subscribed to me this _____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public

NOTARIZATION:

File with Superintendent of WASD, prior to the Commencement of the Home Education Program, and annually thereafter by August 1.

APPENDIX B

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MATERIALS REQUEST FORM
Must be Submitted by August 12th

Return to:
Office of Student Services

Date _____ School Year _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Supervisor _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Materials requested (please be very specific as to text, titles, etc.) _____

Questions you have regarding materials for the Home Schooling plan you are implementing:

***All materials borrowed from WASD must be returned by June 30th**
when Evaluator's Certification is submitted.

APPENDIX C

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ACADEMIC CLASS PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Must be submitted by August 12th

**Return To:
Office of Student Services**

Date _____ School Year _____ Building _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Supervisor _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Courses in which student would like to enroll.

Are there any limits as to periods/times in which the student may take the course(s)?

Are there any special circumstances with regard to this request?

APPENDIX D

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PIAA ATHLETICS REQUEST

Must be submitted by August 12th

**Return To:
Office of Student Services**

Date _____ School Year _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Supervisor _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

List sports in which the student would like to participate.
