

## Homeschool Instruction

The WV Legislature enacted changes to W. Va. Code §18-8-1 related to homeschooling during the 2016 Regular Legislative Session (HB 4175). Governor Tomblin has signed that legislation which becomes effective on May 23, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updated information as you begin or continue homeschooling your child/children.

\* Homeschool parents will now provide to the county superintendent a one-time Notice of Intent (NOI) to homeschool. The notice, for any child of compulsory school age to be instructed, must contain:

- o Name of child, address, age of child

- o Assurance that the child shall receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies and that the child shall be assessed annually.

\* The NOI will remain in effect until the parent notifies the county superintendent upon termination of home instruction for a child who is of compulsory school attendance age OR upon establishing residence in a new county. At which time the parent shall notify the previous county superintendent and submit a new NOI to the superintendent of the new county of residence.

\* In addition to the NOI, the parent must provide evidence of the proper education credential - a high school diploma, equivalent or post-secondary degree or certificate. If that credential is already on file with the county, it is not necessary to provide that information again.

\* Homeschool parents must obtain an annual assessment for their child/children and must maintain a record of that assessment for three years.

\* Results of the required academic assessment must be submitted to the county superintendent for any child in grades 3, 5, 8, or 11. Those results must be submitted by June 30 of the year in which the assessment was administered.

Please note that the change in the reporting of the required assessment does impact requests for Driver Eligibility Certificates. In order for the county to provide that form for your child, you will need to provide a copy of the current year assessment for the child for whom the form is requested. We must have those results in order to verify satisfactory academic progress. We will not use an eighth grade assessment to verify academic progress for a high school student.

Please send Notices of Intent to the office of attendance at the Jefferson County Board of Education. We would ask that you do so by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each applicable year. You may also fill out an electronic NOI by visiting our school's website and navigating to the attendance department. Should you have questions or need additional information please contact Dr. Sheri Hoff at 304-728-9221.

Jefferson County Board of Education

*Attendance Department*

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# Notice of Intent (NOI) to Homeschool

for the \_\_\_\_\_ School Year

I hereby notify the Jefferson County Board of Education and the State of West Virginia of my intent to provide home instruction for my child(ren) in accordance with West Virginia Code §18-8-1.

Name of child(ren) between the ages of 6 and 17 prior to September 1	Age

Homeschooling Parent(s)/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Address of Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of parent(s) or guardians (if different from above):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By checking the box, I assure the child(ren) that I am responsible for educating will receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies and will be assessed annually.

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of my diploma or equivalent is included.

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of my diploma or equivalent is on file with your office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am responsible for submitting an assessment for my child(ren) who are in grades 3, 5, 8, & 11 only by June 30th.

### Students who are of driving age must be aware of the following West Virginia Code:

*18-8-11* School attendance, behavior, and satisfactory academic progress are conditions of licensing for privilege of operation of a motor vehicle. "The attendance director or chief administrator shall provide documentation of driver eligibility status on a form approved by the Department of Education to any student fifteen years of age or older upon request who is properly enrolled in a school under jurisdiction of said official for presentation to the Department of Motor Vehicles on application for or reinstatement of an instruction permit or license to operate a motor vehicle."

Parent(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_