

WELCOME!

WE WILL BEGIN THE DISTRICT HOME SCHOOL
TRAINING SESSION SOON



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Reminders and Clarifications

- Confidentiality
- Contacting Home School Parent
- Registration
- Home School Year

Moving Into a New School District:

- A home school parent has **30 days** when moving in the state to fill out a Notice of Intent to Home School
- If a home school student is moving from district to district the parent needs to call the resident school district and give them the new address, new resident school district, and any other information that has changed
- The resident school district will then email all of the information to me and I will get it changed for you

ACT 429

Enrollment of Private or Home School Students in an Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment Course at a Public School:

- Students in private or home school **are** eligible to participate
- They **shall** not be charged for the endorsed concurrent enrollment course **unless** the school district also charges public school students or open-enrollment public charter school students for the endorsed concurrent class

Act 430

This law is amended to allow a nonpublic student to enroll in an academic course at a public school or an open-enrollment public charter school :

- Wording is changed from “**may**” to “**shall.**” Which means there is no gray area; the school districts **DO** have to abide by this law
- The public school district or open-enrollment public charter school “**may**” seek a waiver from the **DESE** regarding the requirements of this section

Act 430 Continued

The public or charter school “may”:

- Provide transportation
- Drop the private or home schooled student from an academic course in the event of excessive unexcused absences
- A private or home schooled student **is not** considered truant due to unexcused absences
- The public or charter school “**shall**” provide a final grade and transcript when the course is completed
- This **does not** apply to statewide open-enrollment public charter schools that operates as a virtual school

ACT 456: Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program:

- Offers at least 50% discount on tuition
- State-supported 2 year or 4 year college or university

ACT 549: Lottery Scholarship:

- To amend eligibility requirements for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship to include applicant's super score on the ACT
- Home school students are eligible for this scholarship

ACT 554

To amend the law concerning Educational Neglect; and to amend the law concerning Reports of Educational Neglect made to the Child Abuse Hotline

ACT 617

To amend the law concerning the requirements for a Driver's License or Instruction Permit

ACT 592

Participation of Home School Students in Interscholastic Activities

- A home school student **shall not** participate in interscholastic activities at more than one (1) public school at a time
- A home school student **may** participate at another school other than resident school if there is mutual agreement between both schools
- Home school students may begin participating in an interscholastic activity that is non athletic immediately upon being approved
- Home school students participating in interscholastic activity that are athletic activities will have a 1 (one) calendar year wait time before participating

Participation of Home School Students In Interscholastic Activities Continued

- A home school student may begin participating in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity immediately upon being approved to if the student is approved by July 1 of the school year the home school student will be enrolled in grade seven (7)

To Participate In Interscholastic Activities a Home School Student Must:

- Provide the principal a notice of the desire to participate before all deadlines established for students enrolled in the resident school
- In the notice, provide academic eligibility by obtaining a minimum test score of the thirtieth percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition, or another nationally recognized norm-referenced test in the previous twelve (12) months OR
- A minimum score on a test approved by the State Board Education
- If approved, the student will have the opportunity to try out, etc. if all criteria have been met: tryout criteria, standards of behavior and codes of conduct, academic criteria, practice times, required drug testing, permission slips, waivers, and physical exams, and participation fees

A Home School Student Who Participates in an Interscholastic Activity May be:

- Required by the school district in which they are participating to be at the school not more than one (1) period per school day
- Transported by the school district in which they participate, to and from interscholastic activities as the resident school transports other students who are enrolled in the resident school
- A student who withdraws from a Triple A member school to be home schooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in the resident school district for a minimum of 365 days after the student withdraws from the member school

ACT 592

Participation of Home School Students in Interscholastic Activities

A public school shall provide a reasonable alternative to any prerequisite for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity that the home school student is unable to meet because of his/her enrollment in home school

ACT 1078

Expands the eligibility requirements for students participating in the Succeed Scholarship Program

ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME SCHOOL STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Home school students cannot be denied to enroll in a public school based on having attended home school
- Criteria the home school student is to have in place upon entering a public school
- Home school student(s) graduation requirements

Eligibility to Home School

- No public school student will be eligible for enrollment in a home school if they are currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy, including, but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences
- Public school students who are under disciplinary action by the local school district can be eligible for enrollment in a home school if:
 - *The superintendent or local school district board of directors chooses to allow the child to enroll in a home school*
 - *The disciplinary action against the student has been completed or the school semester has ended, whichever occurs first*
 - *The student has been expelled*

APPLICATION – DOWNLOAD



2018-2019
 (Do not modify/reuse ADE forms)
 District LEA # 1701000 (District use only)
 Submit all forms to Superintendent's Office ONLY
 Check your local phone book or Arkansas Department
 Of Education website for district address
Notice of Intent to Home School
 Arkansas Department of Education Home School Office (501) 682-1874
<http://arkansased.org/about/schools/home.html>

In accordance with the procedures established for the implementation of Act 1117 of 1999, I/we hereby give notice to DAVID A. WOOLLY, Superintendent of the ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, CRAWFORD County, of my/our intent to provide home instruction to my/our own child(ren) located at: 12222, Little Rock, AR 72201, beginning date for 2018 - 2019 .:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Print | <u>(123) 456-7890</u> | <u>07/05/2018</u> |
| Name of parent/guardian | Phone Number | Today's Date |

| No approval letter or curriculum will be sent. | | | Student Information | | |
|--|---------------|--------|---------------------|--|-------------|
| Student Name | Date of Birth | Gender | Student Grade Level | Name and Address of School Last Attended | Seeking OED |
| Randjario | 03/09/2018 | Female | 3 | Baker Elementary - Little Rock, AR | Yes |
| Smith | 04/05/2016 | Female | 1 | Judy Robinson - Little Rock, AR | Yes |

*** PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS MUST FILE UPDATED FORMS EVERY YEAR. ***

DRIVER'S PERMIT/LICENSE SECTION

FOR STUDENTS 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER who are obtaining a driver's permit or license during the 2017-2018 year.

Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations Governing Home Schools 10.00 States: "A student enrolled in a home school shall present proof of home schooling in the form of a notarized copy of the Notice of Intent to Home School. The parent/guardian has the responsibility of providing the notarized copy." Please call the Home School Office at 501-682-1874 if you have questions. Make a copy of this form and have the COPY notarized when seeking a driver's permit or license.

Notary Seal

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|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Signature of Notary | Date | Parent Signature | Date |
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Notice of Intent to Home School form must be filed every year.

By my signature below, I hereby certify and agree as follows:
 1) I am the parent of legal guardian of the child(ren) listed below.
 2) I have fully read and understand the terms of this form.
 3) As of the date I sign this form, I hereby acknowledge that I am responsible for the education of my child(ren) listed below during the time for which home school instruction is provided.

| STUDENT'S FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME | DATE OF BIRTH |
|--|---------------|
| Randjario, M. Pauljunior | 03/09/2018 |
| Smith, M. Paul | 04/05/2016 |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Signature of Parent/Guardian | Date |
| <u>1234 6th Street</u> | <u>(123) 456-7890</u> |
| Address | Phone (area code & number) |
| <u>Little Rock, Arkansas 72201</u> | <u>sr.nash@gmail.com</u> |
| City State Zip | Email |

APPLICATION - LOGOUT

John ▾

- Change Password
- Profile
- Logout

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| SCHOOL DISTRICT | PULASKI | 07/19/2018 | Pending | | 07/19/2018 | |

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Webpage Additions

- <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/learning-services/home-school/information-for-schools-and-districts>
- This is the new addition to our Home School Webpage
 - If you will click on this link, you will find some useful information
 - It is updated often so always look here first for information you might be looking for

Reasons Frequently Stated for Leaving the Public School System

- Bullying from other students or from teachers
- Student is missing a lot of days and falling behind
- Student cries everyday and is unhappy
- Parent is unhappy with school and the way it is being run
- Parent does not feel child are safe (school shootings, etc.)
- Student anxiety
- Extensive traveling because of parent job

Home School Contact Changes

If you have personnel changes for home school please contact the DESE Office as soon as you get them

Time Well Spent

- I want to tell you how much I appreciate each and everyone of you. We have the best schools and it's because of your caring attitudes for your students and staff
- The kindness that you show your students, parents, and staff radiates throughout the communities and we get to hear about it on a daily basis
- If a student, parent, guardian, teacher, or even the janitor feels that you care about them it will not go unnoticed -they will work hard for you and support you
- I cannot say thank you enough from the home school office for embracing our home school students and keeping the lines of communication open for them and their parents; to assure them that you have their best interest at heart. This will pave the way for them to someday maybe step back into the public classroom whether it be as a student, parent, grandparent, or teacher

Thank you for the work you do and for your professionalism.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me at the home school office 501-682-1874 or email me at trish.wilcox@arkansas.gov



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