



Mercer County Public Schools

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Notice of Intent to Home School under WV §18-8-1

Submit to Dr. Ashley Vaughn, Coordinator II
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Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of person providing the instruction _____

Evidence of high school diploma or equivalent _____
Attached _____ On File _____

Student Information	Age	Last School of Attendance

I DO DO NOT wish to use county textbooks.

Statement of Assurance

By signing this document I assure that the children listed above shall receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies and that the child shall be assessed annually. Assessments will be submitted to the county board of education in Grades 3, 5, 8, and 11.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF INTENT

CUSTODY OF THIS CHILD/CHILDREN

IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS, OR SHARES, CUSTODY OF THIS CHILD/CHILDREN IN DISAGREEMENT WITH YOUR INTENT TO HOME SCHOOL?

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

IF "YES" PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:

NAME: _____

PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

(To be completed ONLY if you answered "YES" to the above question.)



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Below are answers to frequently asked questions. These items are addressed in the copy of West Virginia Code §18-8-1 you are receiving.

- Your child can be assessed in the district school if they are in grade 3 through 11, using the end-of-the-year test that is administered to public school students. This is free of charge to you. You will need to contact the district school by **January 1st** if you choose this assessment option. Home school students must be assessed yearly (you retain these records), and assessments must be submitted to Mercer County Board of Education in Grades 3, 5, 8, and 11.
- At this time, home school students may not participate in interscholastic athletics governed by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC).
- Public schools have no obligation to grant high school credits to home school students in grades 9 through 12 who transfer into a public school. The student portfolio will be reviewed, and an assessment will determine mastery of content for courses to determine credit.
- The person administering the home school program of secondary education at a home school that meets the requirements of West Virginia Code issues a diploma or appropriate credential to a person who has completed the program of secondary education. Mercer County Schools cannot provide a diploma or credential to home school students, as the student has not received instruction in a Mercer County school.
- Home school students can take the high school equivalency test, known as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), if they have reached age 17. A form can be provided by our office upon request.
- Special education services are not provided to home school students under West Virginia Code and Policy 2419. Students who transfer from public school to home school will lose services, and may have to test back into the special education program if they re-enter public school.
- Parents may choose a provider for home school other than the parent or guardian. This home school provider should be listed on the Notice of Intent and at least one of the required credentials should be provided.