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Instruction

Home Schooling

Forward: The Board of Trustees of the McCall-Donnelly School District supports the rights of parents to make fundamental choices about the most appropriate educational programs for their children, including the choice of public school, parochial school or home school attendance. At the same time, the Board recognizes their responsibility to determine that children resident in the School District are being instructed in the basic skills commonly taught in Idaho schools.

Parents who elect to home school their children will be informed that the School District has no legal responsibility to accommodate their home schooling program in any way and that the District will not direct resources to assist them except in the following circumstances:

1) Home schooling parents are encouraged to confer with building administrators and teachers about curriculum, progress, measurement and concerns that effect the educational programs provided their children. Administrators and staff are directed to provide such professional assistance as is available without direct cost to the District.

2) Home schooled students may enroll in regular District programs on a selective basis, as music classes, shop classes, etc., if there is space available in those classes. Should enrollments from regularly enrolled students cause a class size to exceed the maximum number established by the principal, any home schooled students in that class may be removed.

3) Home schooled students under the age of fifteen who want to enter or reenter the District's schools will be placed at the grade level where their academic, social and physical progress is comparable to that of regularly enrolled public school students. That placement will be determined by testing, individually and/or on standardized testing instruments, and by an interview with the principal and the counselor or psychologist. Placement of the child in the school at the level where success can be anticipated is the sole criterion to be addressed.

4) Home schooled students over the age of fifteen, or who have completed the eighth grade in an accredited private or public school, will be accorded high school course equivalency credits for non-public school experiences in the classes normally taught in our high school for students of like ages, provided they successfully complete an equivalency test on the skills expected for public school who complete those classes and the parent attests in written form that the student has completed seventy hours of instruction in the subject.

5) Home schooled students who wish to receive a diploma from the McCall-Donnelly High School must meet the credit requirements as established by the Board of Trustees and must have attended a minimum of two full semesters, including the final

semester, as a resident student at that school.

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