

TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY
Transfer of Credits - Home Study

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Withdrawing of Students for Home Study
Programs or Non-Accredited Schools

A student withdrawing from the School System to enter a home study program must meet the following requirements:

1. Parent or guardian files a declaration of intent to operate a home study program, by September 1 or within 30 days after the program is established. Intent includes name(s) of the student(s) enrolled. Declaration must be re-filed by annually by September 1 or within 30 days after program is established. Intent should also include student's birth date.
2. Parents or guardians may teach only their own children or employ a tutor with at least a GED or high school diploma, per change in GA Law, to teach such children.
3. Program provides a basic academic program of 180 days of instruction including, but not limited to, reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.
4. Monthly attendance reports are submitted to the school Superintendent's office.
5. Students take an appropriate nationally standardized test to evaluate their educational progress at least every three years beginning at the end of the third grade. These records must be retained in the home.
6. Instructor writes an annual assessment of each student's academic progress and retains the reports in the home at least three years.

Any student in a home study program must adhere to the compulsory attendance law.

Admission of Students from Home Study Programs
or Non-Accredited Schools

Students entering or returning to the school system from either home study programs or non-accredited schools will be admitted and placed using the criteria noted below.

1. Students entering or re-entering the school system will be required to enter under a probationary placement with satisfactory performance for one or more grading periods, or score acceptably on tests focused on group placement, subject area and/or grade level.

2. Any student from a home study program or non-accredited school entering grades K-8 will be evaluated on a basic skills test provided by the school system and administered by school personnel. Other subject area tests may be administered by the school personnel.
3. Student grade placement, for students entering Terrell County Schools from home study or non-accredited programs, will be determined based on the review of student record, results obtained from school administered tests, in addition to specific grade level promotion/retention requirements.
4. Any student entering grades 9-12 in the school system from a home study program or non-accredited school will be required to pass a school administered test in each subject area. This may include end of course test, GHSGT, or other comprehensive exam in subjects for which student desires credit. Student must also meet all state requirements concerning graduation in regard to attendance, Carnegie Units and passing scores on state assessments.
5. No credit will be given for course work obtained in a home study program or non-accredited school unless comparable course work is offered as a part of the curriculum.
6. All students enrolled in the schools are evaluated on a periodic basis in order to assess student achievement and program effectiveness. Student are required to participate in all state or local testing programs when applicable.