

Community Relations

Home-Based Schooling

The District shall consider all requests from parents/guardians who wish their children exempt from compulsory public school attendance. (cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

Exemptions requested under Education Code 48224 (Instruction by tutor) shall be granted only when the student is receiving instruction from a certificated teacher.

When home-based instruction is provided by a non-credentialed tutor, the student shall be either participating in an independent study program with a supervising credentialed instructor or enrolled in a private school.

When no request is made for exemption for instruction by tutor, or for enrollment in an independent study program, or when an affidavit registering as a private school has not been filed, the home-based student will be classified as truant in accordance with state law and Board Policy. (cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

**Independent Study**

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians desiring to teach their children at home to enroll the student(s) in an independent study program provided by the District or, on specific request, the Orange County Department of Education Community Home Education Program. Such enrollment allows continued contact and cooperation between the school system and home-based student. A private school affidavit is not required when children are taught at home through the Independent Study Program.

Through the Independent Study Program, students may be provided with curriculum guides, state-adopted textbooks, workbooks, equipment, suggestions and assistance as needed.

Because socialization is an important benefit of regular school attendance, students in the Independent Study Program may be offered field trips and other activities which bring home-based students into group settings on a temporary basis. The Superintendent or designee shall decide the number and type of field trips to be offered to the home-based student.

Admission will be determined by the procedures and eligibility requirements of the Independent Study Program. (cf. 6158 - Independent Study Programs)

**Private School**

Exemptions requested under E.C. 48222 (attendance in private school) are granted when:

**BP 1621(b)**

1. The owner or administrative head of the private school has filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction an affidavit containing the information required by E.C. 33190.
2. The private school complies with the provisions of E.C. 48222. This statute includes requirements that:
  - a. The home-based student is being instructed in a private full-time day school by persons capable of teaching.
  - b. Instruction is offered in the several branches of study required to be taught in public schools.

The District's attendance officer or designee is authorized to arrange visits to private schools in order to determine whether conditions at the private school are in compliance with the provision of E.C. 48222.

District relations with private schools shall be monitored by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee may request private schools to submit a description of the course of study offered by the private school, attendance records and/or a daily time schedule of subjects and classes.

(E.C. 33050)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33190 Affidavit by agency conducting private school instruction at elementary or high school level;  
list of schools

48220 Classes of children exempted

48222 Attendance in private school

48224 Instruction by tutor

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