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The School Committee of the Lincoln Public Schools will approve a program of home instruction which is substantially equal to the curriculum provided to a student attending a public school within the town. The instruction must be provided by a parent/guardian or another individual engaged by the parent/guardian to provide personal interaction with the student. The parent/guardian requesting approval must provide a copy of the intended curriculum utilized to the Director of Student Services prior to August 1st or as early as practicable. The Director will review the curriculum. In order to request approval to the committee, the Director must state that the curriculum is substantially equal to the education afforded to a student within the public schools.

The curriculum utilized by the parent/guardian must provide instruction in reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, history of Rhode Island, and principles of American government at the appropriate grade level.

Should the Director refuse to recommend approval of a program of home instruction, the parents/guardians may appeal to the Superintendent.

Parents/guardians will be required to complete and submit an attendance register to document a minimum of 180 days of service. The Director will request periodic reports of progress offer the opportunity for the child to participate in state assessments and request a final progress report at the end of the school year.

Effective as of the 2021-2022 school year, students participating in an approved home instruction program will no longer be granted a Lincoln Public Schools high school diploma. Students will be responsible for their own high school equivalence diploma or certificate. Students that have already been granted permission to access a Lincoln High School diploma will be exempt from this change in policy. The Director of Student Services will complete a transcript analysis with the Director of Guidance to review the course requirements for ~~graduation~~ secondary students who wish to return to Lincoln Public Schools from home schooling and enter Lincoln High School.

Other than as specified by RI Law, all costs associated with home instruction are borne by the parents/guardians.

References:

[RI homeschool legislation 16-19-2](#)

[Rhode Island State Compulsory Attendance Laws 16-19-1](#)

[RI State TextBook Law 16-23-2](#)

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