

HOME SCHOOLING

Code **IHBG** *Issued* **4/05**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure in which parents/legal guardians may educate their children at home instead of enrolling them in district schools.

The board recognizes that parents/legal guardians have a right to teach their children at home.

Home school association

The parent/legal guardian wanting to teach a child at home may do so if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS) or an association for home schools which has no fewer than 50 members. Bona fide members of the associations who comply with the academic standards of the associations do not need board approval for home schooling programs. Home school associations must meet standards set out in state law.

Board approval

If a parent/legal guardian does not choose to be a member of an association for home schools, the parent/legal guardian must submit an application for home schooling on a form provided by the district. The applicant will supply all the information required by law prior to the board's consideration of his/her request (see IHBG-R).

The district will notify the parent/legal guardian in advance of the date, place and time of the meeting at which the application is considered by the board. The parent/legal guardian may be heard at the meeting.

If the board disapproves the proposed program or course of study, the board will notify the parent/legal guardian of his/her right to appeal. The parent/legal guardian must appeal to the South Carolina state board of education within 10 days from the date of the disapproval.

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Legal references:

- A. S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.
 - 1. Section 59-65-10 - Responsibility of parent or guardian.
 - 2. Section 59-65-40 - Instruction at place other than school.
 - 3. Section 59-65-45 - Alternative home schooling requirements.
 - 4. Section 59-65-47 - Home schooling.

- B. State Department of Education Regulations:
 - 1. R-43-246 - Instruction at place other than school.