HOME SCHOOLING

I. PURPOSE

To ensure that parents requesting information on home school procedures are provided with such information.

II. BACKGROUND

The Public Education Department administers a program to provide parents and students residing in the school district with information on the eligibility and instructional requirements of home schooling.

III. DEFINITIONS

“Home school” means the operation by the parent (or guardian) of a school-age person of a home study program of instruction that provides a basic academic educational program, including reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

IV. POSITION

A. In accordance with Section 22-1-2.1 NMSA 1978 and in compliance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Education, the Board of Education acknowledges the right of parents or guardians to establish home schools.

B. A home school student is eligible to participate in one school district athletic activity at the public school in the attendance zone in which the student resides and meets eligibility requirements as specified by the New Mexico Activities Association regulations 10.5.2 and 10.5.3.

C. Home school students are not considered public school students and do not receive credits for the courses completed while in a home school setting, unless the home study program is through an accredited correspondence school.
D. A student in a home school who meets the eligibility criteria in rules promulgated by the Public Education Department and Higher Education Department may apply for dual-credit courses and online courses provided that the student pay the full cost of dual-credit and/or online courses.

E. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the implementation of this policy.

V. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

Board of Education, President 10.16.12

Date Approved

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