Home School Overview

The Anoka Hennepin District hosts homeschooling information and enrollment paperwork on the district website. Please take the time to read through the information there.

The link to those materials is www.ahschools.us/homeschool. Click on "Forms."

You can also find comprehensive basic home school information at the Minnesota Department of Education. (This is an excellent overview of homeschooling.) http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/nphs/home/

Some basic important information about homeschooling:

- 1. **Enrollment Deadline:** Homeschool enrollment paperwork is due by October 1st each year or within 15 days of withdrawing from the public school.
- 2. **If this is your 1**st **year homeschooling in Anoka-Hennepin**, you will need to submit a <u>Full Report</u> to our office.
- 3. **If this is your 2nd+ year homeschooling in Anoka-Hennepin**, you will need to submit a <u>Letter of Intent</u> to our office indicating your intent to continue to homeschool and if any changes have been made (graduated students, different test being administered, updated immunization records, change of address, etc.)
- 4. **Enrollment Confirmation:** If requested, we will email confirmation of receiving your paperwork, if we receive a request and your email address.
- 5. **Testing:** MN State Statute requires nonpublic/homeschool students to take a standardized, nationally norm-referenced achievement test each year. The name of that test must be included with new registrations and annual re-enrollment. Note test scores <u>are not shared</u> with our school or office, but your records need to include documentation of this testing and should be available on-demand if required.
- 6. **Request for Aid:** Aid request forms are due by October 1st each year (this includes requests for health, guidance and textbook aid).
- 7. **Educational Requirements:** As a home school, you are required to teach basic communication, mathematics, science, social studies, health and physical education. Nonpublic and home schools develop their own curriculum and learning plans, however, any curriculum available on the Anoka Hennepin District website may be used by any nonpublic/home school. (www.ahschools.us > Departments > Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment > Grade Level & Course Information)
- 8. **Record Keeping:** As a home school, you are responsible to keep all records/transcripts/curriculum information and report cards for your student(s).
- 9. **Special Education:** Special Education students can access Special Education Services even as a homeschool student by contacting the Special Education Department. (www.ahschools.us > Departments > Special Education)
- 10. **Share Time:** Homeschool students can access individual classes through 'Share Time' by contacting the local public school for your area.
- 11. **Contact Information:** The homeschool/nonpublic program for Anoka Hennepin is hosted out of the Educational Service Center in the Community Education office.

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