

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53
Burnham – Detroit - Pittsfield**

Home Schooling

Requests to fulfill the compulsory school attendance law through equivalent instruction by home schooling shall be made by the parent to the Department of Education with a copy submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may review such applications and may submit comment to the Department of Education within 30 days of receipt.

The Board accepts no responsibility for S.A.D. #53 in the application, review and approval, or oversight of such home instruction programs. Participation by home schooled pupils in the public school program shall only be permitted as described below.

The Superintendent shall maintain a roster of all students eligible to attend school within S.A.D. #53 who obtained approval for equivalent instruction under rules established by the Commissioner of Education.

Home School Access to Programs

M.S.A.D. #53 School Board recognizes that a student participating in an equivalent instruction program has the right of access to school facilities on the same basis as any member of the community of a similar age. However, the student, once approved for an equivalent instruction program, cannot participate in any regular school program (instructional or co-curricular) without explicit approval of school authorities.

Authority

M.S.A.D. #53 School Board will consider state statute, school policy and administrative guidelines in considering the above request. The Board also reserves the right to request proportional state subsidy payments, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. 5104-A, for any part time attendance.

Legal Reference: 20-MRSA§ 5104A
 CH. 125.19, C. (Basic School Approval Regulations)
 CH. 130 (Rules for Equivalent Instruction Through Home
 Instruction)

Policy Reference: 9.20 Compulsory Attendance/Truancy

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