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Dear APW Families and Friends:

There seems to be some confusion about the true definition of home schooling, so we wanted to clarify this for you. The decision to officially home school a child requires the following components on behalf of the parent or guardian:

1. A letter of intent to home school submitted by August 1st
2. Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) for each child being home schooled
3. A list of the syllabi (curriculum), curriculum materials, textbooks or plan of instruction
4. Records of attendance
5. Quarterly reports
6. Annual Assessments
7. Substantial equivalent of 180 days of instruction
8. Grades 1-6: 900 hours of instruction per year are required (Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, Health Education, Music, Visual Arts, and Physical Education must be taught.)
9. Grades 7-12: 990 hours of instruction per year are required (For grades 7-12, a specific number of units must be taught in a number of content areas.)

This is just a condensed version of the requirements and regulations. For more specific information, please visit the state web site at

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/10010.html>.

****Please be advised all of the aforementioned requirements are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Home schooling is much different than virtual learning and/or work that is sent home to complete. We wanted to make sure everyone was aware of this.****