

Instruction

Equivalent Education Under Parental Direction

The East Lyme Board of Education believes that formal education in public schools is highly beneficial both for the child and for society, but also recognizes the right of parents to fulfill their obligation to ensure education of their children by schooling them at home.

Parents wishing to educate children in the home may do so in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education. When parents or guardians consider their decision for equivalent education at home, and are willing to discuss their decision with school personnel, school district staff may explain the opportunities of a public school education to such parents or guardians without any criticism of parental choices.

Children educated at home are considered to be non-public school students and are not part of the system's educational responsibility and are not part of the school system.

The East Lyme Board of Education views home schooling as a mutually exclusive alternative to public schooling. Therefore, home-schooled students are not eligible for school classes, activities or services.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-184 Duties of parents
 10-220 Duties of boards of education
 Regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education

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