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**AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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## **HOME SCHOOLING**

Pursuant to Colorado law, parents are entitled to home school their children. Home study courses are approved for use in the District in accordance with regulations established by the Colorado State Board of Education. A staff member shall be designated to assure fulfillment of limited District responsibility under state law and regulation.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-33-104.5  
C.R.S. 22-33-107  
C.R.S. 22.32.116.5

CROSS REFS: JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

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The home study program notification form will be reviewed to verify compliance with the Colorado State Department of Education Rules and Regulations 301-27, and then shall be filed with the Student Records Office.

If the student's standardized test results drop to or below the 13th percentile, the student will be required by state law to return to school.

The Student Records Office shall provide for the proper notification to parents indicating when the children shall take standardized tests, depending upon the students' grade level.

1. Schools will grant credit for home school and other non-accredited course work only for students who become full-time APS students who are working to earn an APS diploma. Students who are home schooled or enrolled in non-accredited schools while taking some APS course work will have only the APS course work on their APS transcripts. Prior to making a decision to grant credit, the school principal shall have discretion to require that testing be administered to verify the accuracy of a home-based educational transcript or a transcript from a non-accredited school. In addition, the principal shall have the discretion to deny credit where, in the principal's opinion, the testing does not support the accuracy of the transcript.
2. A set of course codes will be established indicating home school and non-accredited school course work. They will have general titles such as "home school math" rather than "home school trigonometry" or "non-accredited school science" rather than "non-accredited school chemistry." Where the principal determines that credit should be granted, these courses will only show grades of "pass" or "fail" and the appropriate credit earned. Should a student leave APS prior to graduation all non-APS credits and validations will be removed from the transcript at the time of withdrawal.
3. Only students who are enrolled as full-time APS students shall have an APS grade point average, class rank, or be eligible for APS academic recognitions, assuming they meet all other standards for such recognition, such as honor rolls, graduation honors, and the like. [Full-time is defined as follows: Six class hours per semester for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders; five class hours per semester for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. A student may also be considered full-time if the principal so designates in writing.] Moreover, students who are not enrolled as full time students are not eligible to accumulate credits toward graduation.

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4. To earn an APS diploma, students who enroll as full-time APS students and who were formerly home school and non-accredited school students, must earn a minimum of one academic credit each in the areas of language arts, social studies, math, and science plus two other credits for a total of no less than six APS credits. All other graduation requirements as outlined in policy IKF-1 and IKFB must also be met.
5. Resident students participating in home-based educational programs may participate in District extracurricular and interscholastic activities if they meet the requirements of state law and District policy. However, such students who wish to participate in APS athletics or other extracurricular activities may do so only in either the school in whose residence area they reside or a school which is accepting open enrollments for traditional students, and if they meet all of the requirements for participation required of full-time APS students.
6. However, such students who wish to participate in APS athletics or other extracurricular activities may do so only in either the school in whose residence area they reside, or a school which is accepting open enrollments for traditional students, and if they meet all of the requirements for participation required of full-time APS students.

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C.R.S. 22-33-107  
C.R.S. 22-32-116.5.

CROSS REFERENCES: JJJ, Extra Curricular Activity Eligibility  
JFABC-R, Admission of Transfer Students  
IKC-R, Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages  
IKD-R, Honor Rolls