

Wilson County Board of Education

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Home Schools

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1 A "home school" is a school conducted by parent(s) or legal guardians for their own children. Home schools
2 which teach K-12 where the parents are associated with an organization that conducts church-related schools
3 (as defined by TCA 49-50-801) which are supervised by such organization and which administer standardized
4 achievement tests at the same time tests are given in their regular day schools are exempt from the following
5 provisions, but must follow procedures issued by the State Department of Education.¹

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7 A parent wishing to conduct a home school² shall meet the following requirements:³

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- 9 1. Provide notice to the director of schools by August 1 before the commencement of each school year of
- 10 the intent to conduct a home school;
- 11 2. Submit to the director of schools the name, number, age, grade level of children involved, location of the
- 12 school, curriculum to be offered, proposed hours of instruction, qualifications of the parent/teacher,
- 13 whether a college preparatory or general course of education will be taught in grades 9-12 and a
- 14 description of the courses to be taught each year;
- 15 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection of the local director of schools;
- 16 4. Submit attendance records to the director of schools at the end of each school year;⁴
- 17 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of instructional days as are
- 18 required by state law for public schools;
- 19 6. Possess a high school diploma or GED in order to conduct classes in grades K-8 and possess at least a
- 20 baccalaureate degree in order to conduct classes in grades 9-12 or proper State Department of
- 21 Education exemption;
- 22 7. Cooperate in the administration to home school students of appropriate tests by the Commissioner of
- 23 Education, his/her designee or by a professional testing service;
- 24 8. Take action according to state law if home school student falls behind appropriate grade level;

¹ TCA 49-6-3050(a)(1)(2)(A); TCA 49-50-801

² TCA 49-6-3001(c)

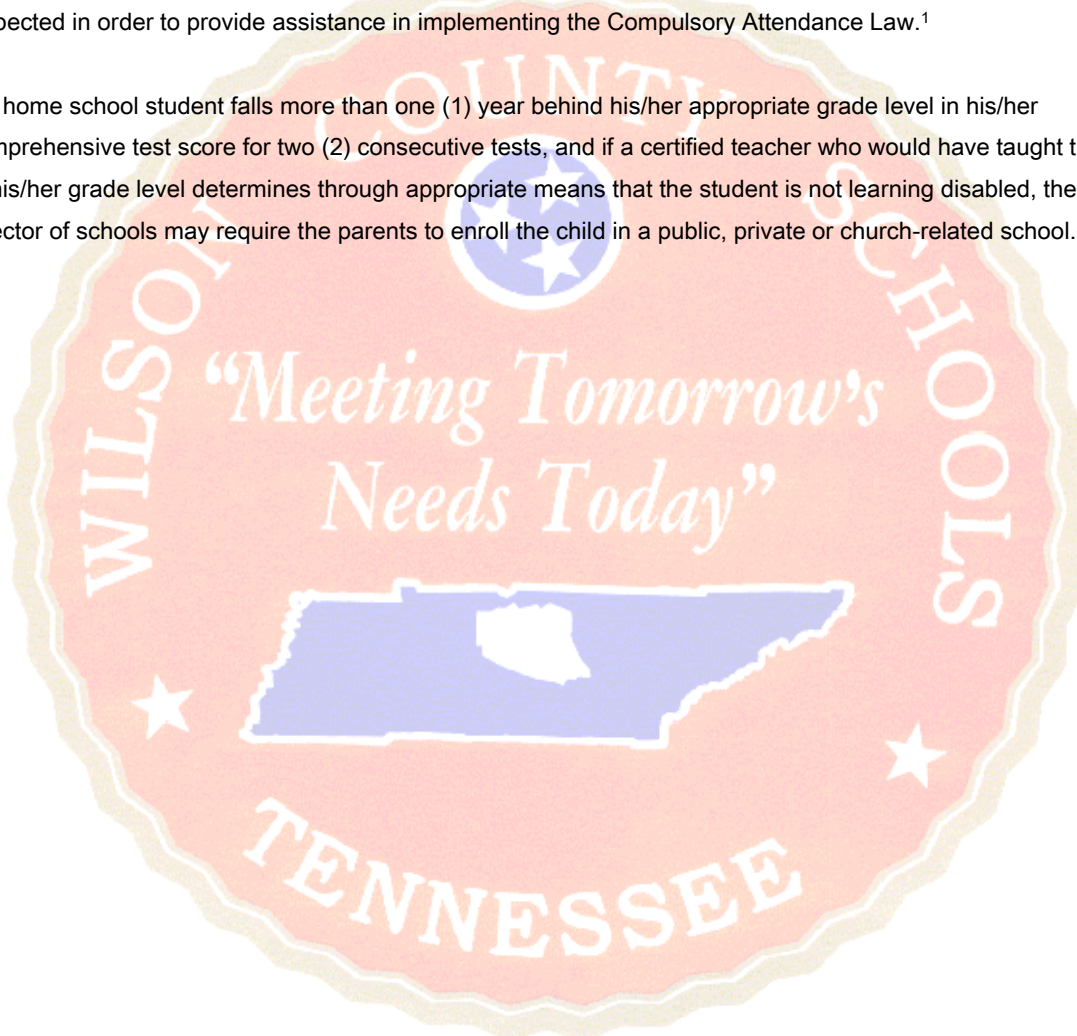
³ TCA 49-6-3050(b)

⁴ TCA 49-6-3050(b)(2)

- 1 9. Submit proof to the director of schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as required
- 2 by law;
- 3 10. Submit proof to the director of schools that other health services and examinations as required by law
- 4 have been received by the home school student; and
- 5 11. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a specific subject,
- 6 employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of parent/teacher.
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8 The director of schools, through the attendance supervisor, may have the attendance records of the home school
9 inspected in order to provide assistance in implementing the Compulsory Attendance Law.¹

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11 If a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind his/her appropriate grade level in his/her
12 comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests, and if a certified teacher who would have taught the child
13 at his/her grade level determines through appropriate means that the student is not learning disabled, the
14 director of schools may require the parents to enroll the child in a public, private or church-related school.²



¹ TCA 49-6-3050(b)(2)

² TCA 49-6-3050(b)(6)(C)