The Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee may excuse from compulsory school attendance, for not more than one school year at a time, any school-age child who is being instructed at home in accordance with the State Board of Education rules in the Ohio Administrative Code.

The child being instructed at home must be instructed by an individual with one of the following qualifications:

1. a high school diploma;
2. a certificate of high school equivalence;
3. standardized test scores that demonstrate high school equivalence; or
4. other credentials found appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer.

Lacking the above, the home teacher must work under the direction of a person holding a baccalaureate degree.

Any request to be excused must be made in writing by the parent(s) and must contain the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code.

The Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee shall approve the home instruction request, unless he/she determines that the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code has not been provided or unless he/she has substantial evidence that the minimum educational requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code have not been met, despite the fact that the required information has been provided by the parent(s).

If the Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee intends to deny the request for home instruction, he/she notifies the parent(s) and informs the parent(s) of the reasons for the intent to deny the request and of the parent(s)’ right to a due process hearing before the Chief Executive Officer.

Upon substantial evidence of cessation of home instruction in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code, the Chief Executive Officer notifies the parent(s) of the intent to revoke the excuse and of the parent(s)’ right to a due process hearing before the Chief Executive Officer.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

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CROSS REFERENCES

JECBC, Admission of Students from Nonchartered or Home Schooling
JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance