



Declaration of Parent's Intent to Provide Home Based Instruction

School Year **2023/2024**

Parents who intends to cause his/her child or children to receive home-based instruction in lieu of attendance or enrollment in a public school, approved private school, or an extension program of a private school must file an annual declaration of intent to do so in the format prescribed below: This statement must be filed annually by **September 15** or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, trimester, or semester with the Superintendent of Public Schools within which the parent resides.

STUDENT LAST NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT MIDDLE NAME	BIRTH DATE	GRADE LEVEL for 2023-2024

Check **Yes** or **No** for each item below:

YES **NO**

- ☐ ☐ The parent conducting the home-schooling program has completed lease forty-five (45) quarter or thirty (30) semester hours in a post secondary educational institution.
- ☐ ☐ The parent conducting the home-schooling program has completed at least one (1) course in home-based schooling.
- ☐ ☐ The home-schooling program is supervised by a person certificated under the provisions of Washington State Law 28A.410.
- ☐ ☐ The home-school program is a part of an approved private school's extension program in home-based instruction.

If you have checked "NO" in all above items, you may request consideration as described in item below.

- ☐ ☐ I request the Superintendent of the Nooksack Valley School District to deem the person signing this form to be sufficiently qualified to provide home-based instruction as documented by the information that is attached to this form.

I do hereby declare that I am the parent, guardian or legal custodian of the student(s) listed above, and that said student(s) is (are) between the ages of eight and eighteen, and as such are subject to the requirements found in Chapter 28A.225 RCW Compulsory Attendance; I intend to cause said student(s) to receive home-based instruction as specified in RCW 28A.225.010(4). I have checked the appropriate space regarding supervised instruction for this/these student(s).

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Return this completed and signed form to:

**Matt Galley, Superintendent
Nooksack Valley School District
3326 East Badger Road
Everson, WA 98247**

Please read the State of Washington Rules and Regulations regarding Home-based Instruction printed on the back of the attached letter.

Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education

Chapter 28A.200 RCW, Home-Based Instruction

RCW 281.200.010 Home-based instruction—Duties of parents—Exemption from high school assessment requirements.

(1) Each parent whose child is receiving home-based instruction under RCW 281.225.010(4) shall have the duty to:

(a) File annually a signed declaration of intent that he or she is planning to cause his or her child to receive home-based instruction. The statement shall include the name and age of the child, shall specify whether a certificated person will be supervising the instruction, and shall be written in a format prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. Each parent shall **file the statement by September 15** of the school year or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, trimester, or semester with the superintendent of the public school district within which the parent resides or the district that accepts the transfer, and the student shall be deemed a transfer student of the nonresident district. Parents may apply for transfer under RCW 281.225.220;

(b) Ensure that test scores or annual academic progress assessments and immunization records, together with any other records that are kept relating to the instructional and educational activities provided, are forwarded to any other public or private school to which the child transfers. At the time of a transfer to a public school, the superintendent of the local school district in which the child enrolls may require a standardized achievement test to be administered and shall have the authority to determine the appropriate grade and course level placement of the child after consultation with parents and review of the child's records; and

(c) Ensure that a standardized achievement test approved by the state board of education is administered annually to the child by a qualified individual or that an annual assessment of the student's academic progress is written by a certificated person who is currently working in the field of education. The state board of education shall not require these children to meet the student learning goals, master the essential academic learning requirements, to take the assessments, or to obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW 28A.655.061 and 28A.155.045. The standardized test administered or the annual academic progress assessment written shall be made a part of the child's permanent records. If, as a result of the annual test or assessment, it is determined that the child is not making reasonable progress consistent with his or her age or stage of development, the parent shall make a good faith effort to remedy any deficiency.

(2) Failure of a parent to comply with the duties in this section shall be deemed a failure of such parent's child to attend school without valid justification under RCW 28A.225.020. Parents who do comply with the duties set forth in the section shall be presumed to be providing home-based instruction as set forth in RCW 28A.225.010(4).

RCW 28A.200.020 Home-based instruction—Certain decisions responsibility of parent unless otherwise specified. The state hereby recognizes that parents who are causing their children to receive home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) shall be subject only to those minimum state laws and regulations which are necessary to insure that a sufficient basic educational opportunity is provided to the children receiving such instruction. Therefore, all decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, and methods, timing, and place in the provision or evaluation of home-based instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent except for matters specifically referred to in this chapter.

RCW 28A.225.010 Compulsory School Attendance and Admission

(4) For the purposes of this chapter and chapter 28A.200 RCW, instruction shall be home-based if it consists of planned and supervised instructional and related educational activities, including a curriculum and instruction in the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music, provided for a number of hours equivalent to the total annual program hours per grade level established for approved private schools under RCW 28A.195.010 and 28A.195.040 and if such activities are:

(a) Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child only and are supervised by a certificated person. A certificated person for purposes of this chapter and chapter 28A.200 RCW shall be a person certified under chapter 28A.410 RCW. For purposes of this section, "supervised by a certificated person" means: The planning by the certificated person and the parent of objectives consistent with this subsection; a minimum each month of an average of one contact hour per week with the child being supervised by the certificated person; and evaluation of such child's progress by the certificated person. The number of children supervised by the certificated person shall not exceed thirty for purposes of this subsection; or

(b) Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child only and who has either earned forty-five college level quarter credit hours or its equivalent in semester hours or has completed a course in home-based instruction at a postsecondary institution or a vocational-technical institute; or

(c) Provided by a parent who is deemed sufficiently qualified to provide home-based instruction by the superintendent of the local school district in which the child resides.

(5) The legislature recognizes that home-based instruction is less structured and more experiential than the instruction normally provided in a classroom setting. Therefore, the provisions of subsection (4) of this section relating to the nature and quantity of instructional and related educational activities shall be liberally construed.

NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 506

P.O. BOX 4307
NOOKSACK, WA 98276

Dear Parent:

The following are procedures the Nooksack Valley School District will follow relative to SSB 3279, the "Home-Based Instruction Law":

1. By September 15 each year, parents must fill out the "Annual Declaration of Intent to provide Home-Based Instruction form." The form is available at the District Office at Nooksack Valley Schools.
2. Parents are qualified to teach their own child(ren) at home if they meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - a) Parent has earned 45 or more college credit courses.
 - b) Parent has completed a course in home-based instruction at a post secondary or vocational/technical school.
 - c) The child(ren)'s education program and progress is supervised by a Washington State certified teacher.
3. Parents are to give instruction and measure progress in the following subject areas:

a) Math	g) Reading
b) Science	h) Writing
c) Language Arts	i) Spelling
d) Social Studies	j) Occupational Education
e) History	k) Appreciation of Art and Music
f) Health	
4. Upon re-entry to public school, the parent will provide the
 - a) Immunization records.
 - b) Records relating to instructional and educational activities that were provided.
 - c) Test scores or annual academic progress assessments written by a Washington State certified teacher working in the field of education.

It is the parents' prerogative to enroll home-based children part-time in public schools.

Upon entry or re-entry in the Nooksack Valley School District, the student will be placed at the appropriate grade level as determined by the district.

As a parent contemplating home-based instruction, you need to be aware that failure to comply with your duties as outlined above, may result in your being deemed in violation of RCW 28A.225, "Compulsory Attendance Law" and your child(ren) being classified as truant.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to consult with your building principal.

Sincerely,

Matt Galley
Superintendent