

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY

CODE: 422.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### ADMISSION OF HOME-BASED PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students transferring from home-based private educational programs into the Deerfield School District will be placed within a program that meets their individual needs.

Placement of students will be based on academic and social evaluation. The following placement guidelines will apply:

Any student who has been in attendance in a home-based private educational program for a period of ninety (90) days or more and who wishes to enter or reenter the school system shall be required to take an examination to establish grade placement.

The examination will be designated by the building administrator, counselor, and faculty teaching at the grade level to which the student aspires. It shall be composed of questions which test the student's knowledge of language arts (English), mathematics, and reading in grades one through five. At all other grade levels, science and social studies will be tested in addition to math, reading, and language arts. The test questions will be general in nature and shall not be designed to exhibit expertise in any specific text or workbook. (If available, a standardized test will be used).

The grade placement examination will be administered by the building administrator or his/her designee. Upon completion and correction of the test, school officials will place the student at the grade level they feel is appropriate to the child's chronological age, knowledge, and/or social maturity. The placement recommendations will be reviewed by the parents and school officials.

Each student placed in the Deerfield School District from a home-based educational program will have a 45-school-day probationary period during which time the student will be expected to demonstrate appropriate social and educational interaction. If school officials determine that the placement needs to be revised, the building administrator may make a placement revision. This placement revision will be made within 15 days of the end of the probationary period and be reviewed by the parents and school officials.

If the placement is made to the sophomore year level or higher, one fourth of the number of units required for graduation will be given for each year below the grade level of placement. Parental appeals to grade placement decision may be made to the district administrator. After careful review of test data and other supportive information, the district administrator will render a decision in writing.

Parental appeal to the district administrator's decision may be made to the Board of Education (BOE) in writing. The decision of the BOE will be final.

Whenever the school district is notified of a home-based private educational program for a resident student, a copy of the student admission policy will be mailed to the student's home for their information.

**The Deerfield School District does not discriminate against pupils being admitted from home-based private schools on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its educational programs or activities.**