

Homeschooling FAQ



Why would I homeschool my child?

- Due to the pandemic, your child needs to be separated from peers in a classroom setting.
- You do not want to send your child to public school.

What is the process to homeschool my child if they are a regular education student?

- Send the principal and superintendent an email notifying your decision to homeschool and include the period of time for the homeschooling. Note that if the timeline does need to be extended or shortened, that will be allowed, we just ask that you notify the school as soon as you know that an earlier return is expected. This allows for us to best prepare and plan for your child's return.
- Homeschooling involves you completely and officially withdrawing your child from the South Brunswick Public Schools.

What is the process to homeschool my child if they are an IEP (special education) student?

- Send a letter to the Director of Special Services to inform your decision to homeschool with an actual signature. We suggest uploading the signed request and sending it both through email and hard mail or dropped off at your child's school or the Board Office.
- Upon return, if it is during the same school year in which you left, the IEP stays valid but may be amended depending upon current student needs. A formal IEP reentry meeting will take place after registration and before any programming starts.

What are my responsibilities as a parent when homeschooling my child?

- You are the sole provider for your child's instructional program and education. The school district does not provide resources or supports to homeschooled students.
- If you have been given any district resources including textbooks, materials, and digital devices they must be returned to the school or central office.
- It is suggested that if you have a middle or high school student and they have a school google drive, you may want to save any documents or files as they will be deactivated upon withdrawal from the school district.

Upon return from homeschooling, will my child be automatically placed back into programs in which they were in prior to homeschooling? Will they have the same schedule?

- Student related programs (such as G&T, honors, AP, ELL, Instructional Support, ETC.) will be determined based on a review of student records and results of locally administered assessments. Depending on the length of your child's homeschooling program, the number of assessments administered may vary. It is not guaranteed that a child who was enrolled in a special program prior to homeschooling will be placed directly back into that program upon return, as it is of vital importance that the district assess whether a child has made gains or losses while in their homeschooled placement.
- it is not a guarantee that your child will have the same teacher/s or schedule as when they left.

Is my child permitted to play sports in SB if they are homeschooled?

- According to policy 2431- ATHLETIC COMPETITION, yes, but must adhere to the following:
 - Home schooled children are eligible to participate in the high school interscholastic athletic program of this district only if the parent, and the home schooled child comply with the Guidelines, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NJSIAA, and the policies and regulations of NJSIAA, and the policies and regulations of the Board of Education.
 - Home school children in grades 6 through 8 are eligible to participate in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition of this district.

How long is my child able to be homeschooled?

- This is a parent/caregiver's decision. There is no minimum or maximum length of time, however, as you will be officially withdrawing your child from the South Brunswick Public Schools, you should consider that a short length of time may not be prudent.

What process do I follow when I want my child to return to public school?

- Registration: [You will need to request an appointment to register your child. You will need to upload required registration documents.](#) Following your appointment it takes a few days for placement and transportation to be finalized.
- Upon re-enrolling and depending on the length of time a child is disenrolled from our schools, a battery of local assessments may be administered to determine student needs.