



FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT #417

TO: Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

FROM: Ben Ramirez, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION (Homeschooling)

If you live in the Fife School District and wish to homeschool your child(ren), the **Required Information for Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction Form** (attached) must be filed within two weeks of the beginning of any school quarter/semester every year. The State requires a listing of your child(ren)'s names and birth dates. We would appreciate it if you would also list the **last school attended, last grade completed, and current grade** in the spaces provided.

In addition to the intent statement, you may choose to complete the optional information on the backside of the intent. This will give us a better idea of your plans and ways we might work with you. For example, if you have need, instructional materials are sometimes available for loan (a deposit may be required), and it is our practice to offer participating in our regularly scheduled, standardized testing program. It may also be possible to put your name on school newsletter mailing lists if you wish to be included.

If your child(ren) should transfer into the public schools, the district has the authority to “determine the appropriate grade and course level placement of the student after consultation with the parent and a review of the student’s records.” If you anticipate that your child may switch from being homeschooled to Fife Public Schools, we advise you to consult the building principal/counselor **PRIOR TO** homeschooling, to determine what records would be needed and how placement would be made. Please note, the Fife School District has **no obligation** to accept credits earned outside the school district. **We suggest coursework be approved prior to attempting and MUST be submitted prior to re-entering the school district if requesting credit.**

If you would like to receive the booklet, “Washington State’s Laws Regulating Home-Based Instruction, you may call or write: Homeschooling, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Old Capitol Bldg, PO Box 47200, Olympia WA 98504-7200, Phone: (360) 664-3574. For additional information or if you have questions, contact: Washington Homeschool Organization (WHO), 6632 S 191st Pl, STE E-100, Kent, WA 98032-2117, Phone: (425) 251-0439.

Fair tickets will be available for pick up at the receptionist desk in the Administration Building during the first week of September. Each family may receive one adult ticket and one ticket per student for whom an Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction Form has been filed.

We hope this will be a good year for you and your family and that your homeschooling goes well.