

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 196**  
**Home School Programs and Services**  
**2009-2010 School Year**

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Home School information and updates are publicized via District 196 website and \*Spotlight newsletter.  
\*Spotlight is a newsletter mailed out four times per year to residents of District 196.

**Items 1-3: Student Report for Aids to Nonpublic Students form due: October 1, 2009**

1. **Textbooks, Individualized Instructional Materials and Standardized Tests (\$82.57)**  
Public school districts provide reimbursement for textbooks, individualized instructional materials and standardized tests to home schools requesting such reimbursement. All textbooks and instructional materials must meet the criteria for nonpublic aid to be eligible for reimbursement through District 196. Please follow reimbursement process instructions on page 7 of this packet.  
  
*Nationally Norm-Referenced Standardized Achievement Examination:* The Minnesota Statewide Testing Program will offer testing services (fall and spring) to home school educators. Order forms may be obtained from their website at <http://oms.umn.edu/oms/mstp/> or by calling (612) 626-1803 after August 1. Deadline dates for ordering tests are established each year by the Minnesota Statewide Testing Program.
2. **Health Services (\$57.30)**  
(Vision, hearing, scoliosis, blood pressure testing, review of health and immunization records.)  
Public school districts are required to provide home/nonpublic school students the specific health services they offer public school students, as long as the costs for such services do not exceed the amount allocated by Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). *This allotment is not intended to be used for reimbursement of health supplies.* Health services may not include direct educational instruction of home school students by health services personnel or services required under special education laws. Contact: Home School Nurse, Sheryl Vandeventer at (651) 683-6969 voice mail box 97322
3. **Guidance and Counseling (\$194.63)**  
Public school districts are required to provide home school secondary students (grades 7-12) with the guidance and counseling services they offer public school secondary students, as long as the costs for such services do not exceed the amount allocated for guidance and counseling services by the MDE. Guidance and counseling services provided to home school students do not include the planning or selection of particular courses or classroom activities of the home school.

4. **English Language Learner Services (ELL)**  
State statutes ensure that children who are limited in English proficiency, which includes immigrant children, attain English proficiency to achieve at high levels in the core academic subjects, develop high-quality language instruction programs, and promotes parent/guardian and community participation in language instruction educational programs. Contact: ELL Department at (651) 423-7916
5. **IDEA** (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)  
Children enrolled in homeschools and are considered educationally disabled are entitled to free, appropriate special education services at a public school site. Parents/Guardians of students with suspected disabilities may refer students to the public school district and request an educational assessment. A referral form must be completed by the parent and returned to the district. After receipt of the referral, the parent/guardian will be invited to participate in team decisions regarding assessment planning, need for special education and, if appropriate, the specific special education plan for the child. Contact: The public school in your neighborhood attendance area or Special Education Department at (651) 423-7631.
6. **Band** (grades 5-8)  
Home school students in compliance with Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law are eligible to participate in the curricular band program offered to District 196 public school students. Instruction is provided at the public school site. Contact: The public (elementary or middle) school in your neighborhood attendance area.
7. **Shared Time** (grades 9-12)  
Home school students in compliance with Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law may apply for limited shared time enrollment in District 196 four-year (grades 9-12) comprehensive high schools. Shared time enrollment is limited to two courses per trimester/quarter. Enrollment privileges are limited to classes difficult to offer in the home school setting and provided only as space is available in the program, class, grade level and/or school building, as determined by the high school principal in consultation with the director of secondary education. Contact: Community Education Director's Office at (651) 423-7722 for application form.
8. **Post-Secondary Enrollment Option**  
The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program is available to home school juniors and seniors to take courses, full or part-time, at a post-secondary institution. Learn about PSEO at the MDE Website: <http://education.state.mn.us/> click on School Choice, Nonpublic School Choice, Home Schooling. Open the MN Home School Basics 2009-10 for PSEO information. E-mail: [mychoices-dualenrollment@state.mn.us](mailto:mychoices-dualenrollment@state.mn.us).
9. **Cocurricular Activities**  
Home School students in compliance with Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law may apply for cocurricular activities at District 196 schools. Cocurricular activities are defined as district-sponsored and directed athletic, fine arts and academic activities for which the student receives no credit toward graduation, which are designed to provide opportunities for students to improve skills through group or individual activities at school and public events. Contact: Community Education Director's Office at (651) 423-7722 for application form.
10. **Transportation**  
Transportation is only available to home school students who receive special education services at a public school site.