Declaration of Intent to Provide
Home-Based Instruction

Chehalis School District No. 302
ESD 113, Lewis County

A parent who intends to cause his/her child or children to receive home-based instruction in lieu of
attendance or enrollment in public school, approved private school, or an extension program of an
approved private school must file an annual declaration of intent to do so in the format prescribed below:

I do hereby declare that I am the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child(ren) listed below; that
said child(ren) is (are) between the ages of 8 and 18 and as such are subject to the requirements found in
Chapter 28A.225 RCW Compulsory Attendance; I intend to cause said child(ren) to receive home-based
instruction as specified in RCW 28A.225.010(4); and if a certificated person will be supervising the
instruction, I have indicated this by checking the appropriate space.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)                                             Birthdate/Grade


☐ The home-based instruction will be supervised by a person certificated in Washington State pursuant to
chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Print Name                                             Signature                                             Date

Street Address

City/State                                             Zip Code

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 the public school district within which
the parent resides.

Send to:

Dr. Christine Moloney, Superintendent
Chehalis School District #302
310 SW 16th Street
Chehalis, WA 98532
I Compulsory Attendance - All children between the ages of 8 and 18 are required to attend school unless:

A. The child is physically or mentally unable to attend.
B. The child is fifteen years or older and:
   1. the district superintendent determines such child has already attained a reasonable proficiency at the
      ninth grade level, or
   2. the child is regularly and lawfully engaged in a useful or remunerative occupation, or
   3. the child has met state graduation requirements, or
   4. the child has received a certificate of educational competence.

The child may attend the local public school, or be in an approved private school, or receive home-based instruction.

II Home-based Instruction - Legally, home-based instruction must be:

A. Planned and supervised and include instruction in occupational education, science, mathematics, language,
   social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and appreciation of art and music, and
B. Be provided for a time “equivalent” to the number of hours for private schools, and
C. Be provided by the child’s parent(s), who:
   1. is supervised by a certified teacher who has contact with the child one hour a week average per month, or
   2. has earned the equivalent or 45 college level quarter credit hours, or
   3. has taken a course in home-based instruction at a post-secondary institute or vocational/technical 
      institute, or
   4. has been deemed qualified by the local superintendent.

The legislature recognizes that home-based instruction is less structured and more experiential than classroom education, therefore it has been declared that these provisions of the nature and quantity of instruction shall be liberally construed.

III Duties of Parents - Parents providing home-based instruction have the duty to:

A. File a declaration of intent annually which must:
   1. give the child’s name and age, and
   2. state if a teacher will be supervising, and
   3. be filed by September 15 or within two weeks of the beginning of any quarter or semester, and
   4. use the format approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI).
B. Ensure that an annual:
   1. standardized achievement test (those approved by the State Board of Education) is administered to the 
      child by a qualified individual; or
   2. academic progress assessment of the child is written by a certified teacher currently employed in the 
      field of education.

Parents who comply with these duties shall be presumed to be providing home-based instruction.

IV Other options - Home-schooling may take place in conjunction with:

A. Part-time attendance in the local public school; or
B. Enrollment in an approved private school offering an extension program in home-based instruction.

V Family rights

“The state recognizes that parents who are causing their children to receive home-based instruction under
RCW 28A.27.010(4) shall be subject only to those minimum state laws and regulations necessary to ensure that
a sufficient basic educational opportunity is provided to the children receiving such instruction. Therefore, all
decisions relating 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.”

Adapted from SPI’s ‘Washington State’s Laws Regulating Home-Based Instruction’