

**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
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Street Address

City/State	Zip Code
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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."