

Instructions for Completion of Notification Form:

1. Parent/Guardian(s)' name(s) and address(es) must be provided.
2. Child or children' s full name(s), birthdate(s) and grade child/children would be assigned if attending public school should be provided on the form.

3. Parents/guardians must select either A or B of Part C.

When parents/guardians select A, they will maintain a portfolio of materials that demonstrate regular, thorough instruction is being provided according to Code of Maryland .01C, .01D and .01E of the Maryland State Special Education by-law. The portfolio will be reviewed by Baltimore City Public Schools staff at least two times during the year.

When instruction is offered through a correspondence course, and is under the supervision of a nonpublic school with a certificate of approval from the Maryland State Department of Education under both .05A and .05B, it should be noted that parents teaching under .05A and .05B will not have their program reviewed by Baltimore City Public Schools staff. However, it should also be noted that, at this time, only Calvert School and Home Study International have been so approved under .05B. Anyone wishing to get additional information on either of these schools may call Calvert School at (888) 487-4652 or Home Study International at (301) 680-6570.

4. Parents/guardians should sign and date the agreement. The date is important. Notification must be received at least 15 days before parents plan to begin teaching at home.

5. Parents/guardians selecting Part B 2A of Home Schooling should contact the principal at the zone school to make arrangements to have students participate in standardized testing. Tests will be submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education for grading. In turn, test results will be mailed directly to parents.

6. Kindergarten through 5th grade now are tested in the spring of the year. For those grades, parents must contact schools during February of each year. 8th grade is now tested in the fall of the year. Parents should contact zone schools during September of each year. There is no standardized testing for grades 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

PART C: (A SEPARATE PART C MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CHILD.)

Student Name: _____

Parents must select either A or B

Parents selecting A will maintain a portfolio of materials which demonstrates that regular, thorough instruction is being provided according to .01C, .01D and .01E. The portfolio will be reviewed by the local school system's personnel at least twice during the year at a mutually agreeable time and place.

A. I hereby AGREE that I will comply with state regulation COMAR 13A.10.10.01.C, .01D And .01E

or - **Parents selecting B** will use correspondence courses under the supervision of a school or institution offering an educational program/operated by a bono fide church organization that provides for .05A(1), .05A(2), .05A(3) and .05A(4), or under the supervision of a nonpublic school with a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education that provides for .05B(1) and .05B(2). The local school system will verify this information. Please note that the school system will not conduct portfolio review for parents teaching under .05A or .05B.

B. I hereby CERTIFY that I will be using correspondence courses under the supervision of a nonpublic school with a certification of approval from the State Board of Education, or under the supervision of a school or institution offering an education program operated by a bona fide church organization under COMAR 13A.10.20.05.

<p>Name of Nonpublic School (Umbrella Organization or Correspondence Course)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City/County State Zip Code</p>
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Signature, Parent/Guardian

Date

FOR LEA USE ONLY

Signature of LEA Staff Receiving Form

Date

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