



County Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Home School Parents:

You have made an important decision and a strong commitment to your child (children). Montana Jaw (MCA 20-5-109), allowing for compulsory school enrollment exemption, accommodates this family choice.

Many resources are available to home educators. Please find included in this packet a list of pertinent laws and some websites that may be helpful to you.

Your commitment to your child or children includes an "organized course of study" required by law (MCA 20-5-109 [4]). In case of future entrance (or re-entrance) into a public school, elementary home school students are usually tested by the district for appropriate placement. The high schools in this region expect that a student has been following a fully accredited off-site educational program. Each high school has its own approach to accepting credits, so please contact the high school counseling staff of your district to align your home school program or contact me for referral. You may also refer to the Montana Office of Public Instruction website (www.opi.state.mt.us) which has numerous resources including the "Montana Content Standards" and a "Get Answers" tab to help you. An organized course of study is essential not only to enter public education, but to enter many colleges and universities or to join the military. Working together for the common good of each child is what we all want.

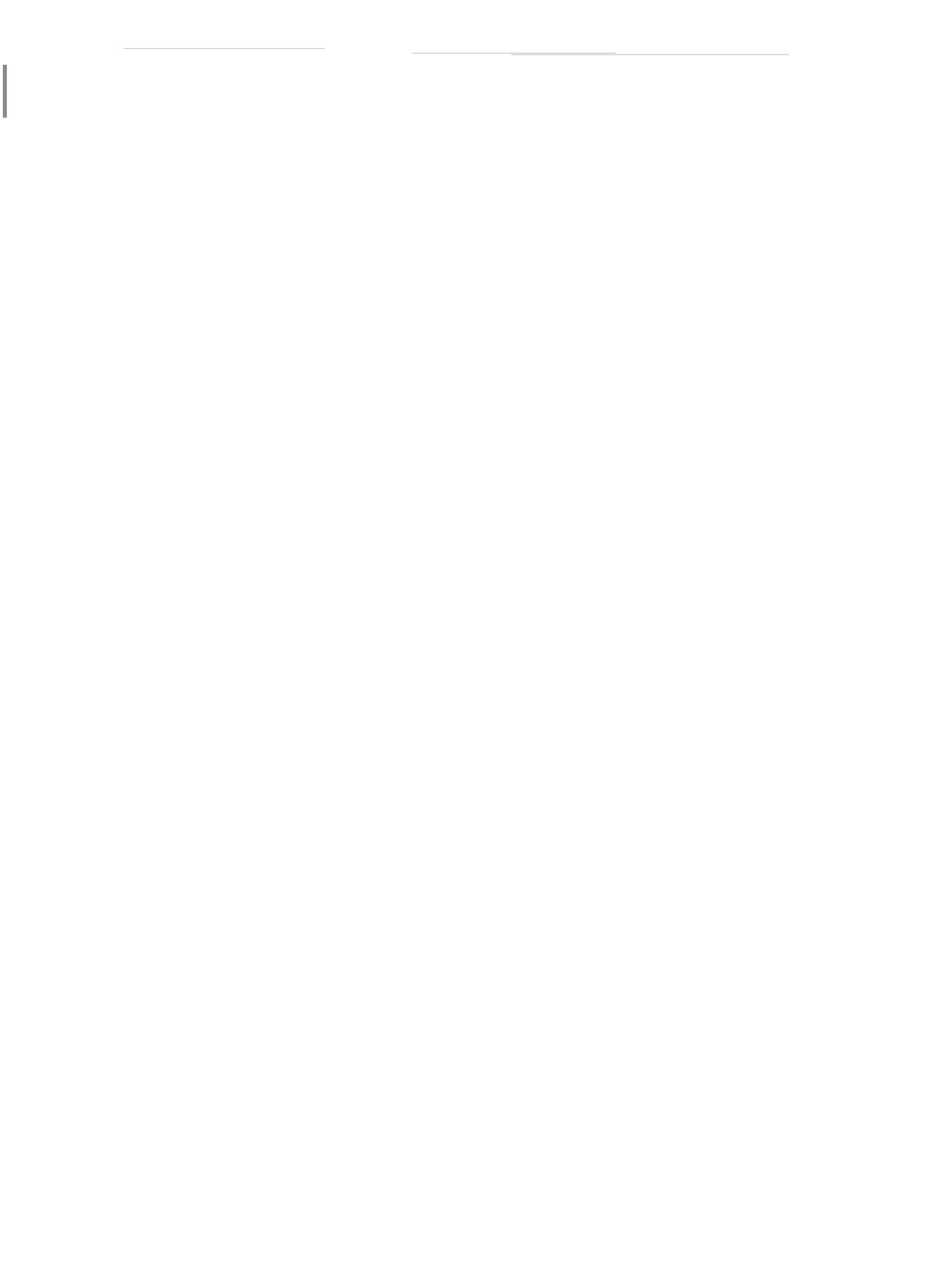
As a home school you are eligible to participate in federally funded education programs. For your convenience a form is attached to be filled in and returned at our office. Please sign the form and return it even if you do NOT wish to participate. There is a box to designate that.

The mandatory information you need to provide to my office is (1) a written notice of intent to home school, (2) immunization records if this is the first year of home schooling or if there has been a change and (3) an attendance report submitted each semester or yearly. Again, forms are included for your convenience OR you may use other written means to provide the information.

Thank you and have a good year. If you have any questions, please call me at 547-3612- ext. 108 or email me at hhanson@meaghercountv.org or hhanson@meaghercounty.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Helen Hanson, Meagher County Superintendent



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HOME SCHOOL NOTIFICATION 2014-2015

As a home school, you are eligible to participate in any federal education programs that are offered by the school in the district in which you live (see program descriptions on the back). Services are generally provided at the public school of attendance. No funds can be directly given to a private school. Indicate the programs of interest by circling them.

- Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
- Title IIA Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment
- Title IID Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
- Title IVA Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
- IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Act
- Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education

___ I do not wish to participate in the public schools' federal programs indicated above.

___ I wish to participate in any federal programs of the public school district.

___ I have questions about these and would appreciate a call.

Parent or Guardian (print or type)

Parent or Guardian (signature)

Residence Address

Mailing Address (if different)

City

Zip

Phone