Exemption (f) Home Schools

Section 1561(3)(f) states:

A child shall not be required to attend the public schools in the following cases:

(f) The child is being educated at the child's home by his or her parent or legal guardian in an organized educational program in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing, and English grammar.

If a home school family chooses to operate under exemption (f), the conditions listed below apply:

- The home school family is not a nonpublic school.
- The Michigan Department of Education plays no role with this home school family.
- The home school family does not report to the Department of Education.
- Intermediate and local school districts are responsible for interpreting and enforcing the Compulsory School Attendance Law.
- There are no minimum qualifications for teachers except that they must be the parents or legal guardians of the children.
- The home school family must provide "an organized educational program in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing, and English grammar."

Students in home school families operating under exemption (f), solely, are not entitled to Auxiliary Services. Students in these home school families may enroll in noncore courses such as band, physical education, music, or driver's education, in public schools.