



**Enrollment and Classification of Home or
Non-Accredited School Students**

Policy Code: 4155

The Board of Education recognizes the statutory right of parents or guardians to educate their children at home (G.S. 115-563, 564, 565). Students who have been home schooled or enrolled in a non-accredited school shall be enrolled and classified in Franklin County Schools in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 115C-288, Powers and Duties of the Principal.

When a student is presented for initial enrollment, the principal will determine the student's domicile. Students must begin the procedure for admission in the appropriate attendance area. Students who wish to attend a school outside of their attendance area must follow the procedures for student transfers.

It shall be the principal, not a designee, who is involved in the process and who makes all final decisions regarding placement. Where placement (elementary, middle or high school) does not match the student's chronological age, the principals from the two levels shall make a joint decision regarding initial grade placement.

Initial grade placement of a student from a home or non-accredited school shall be a decision of the principal of the school in which the child is to enroll. The following documentation is required:

1. Evidence of record or attendance as required by North Carolina General Statute 115C-556.
2. Birth Certificate, immunization records and proof of domicile.
3. Most recent standardized test scores as required by NC General Statute 115C-549,557.
4. A transcript or curriculum information, course descriptions, and/or documentation of what the child has been studying/learning.
5. Examples of work completed by the student shall be submitted.
6. Previous school records, if the child previously attended a public or accredited private school.

The principal may require appropriate testing or demonstration of learning mastery in determining placement if standardized test scores are not available.

Legal References: G.S. 115-563, 564, 565; G. S. 115C-288; G. S. 115C-549, 556-557.

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