

IMPORTANT UPDATE

REF. HOMESCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

The below information passed the Ohio House on June 10, 2020. Once the Bill is signed it will go into effect immediately.

You will not be required to provide a 2019-2020 Assessment with your 2020-2021 Notification of Intent. You certainly can if you wish to do so, however it is not required.

Sincerely,

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HB 164
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Academic assessment records for home instructed students

The bill exempts parents of students receiving home instruction from the administrative rule requirement to submit an academic assessment record for the 2019-2020 school year to the student's resident school district as a condition of allowing the student to continue receiving home instruction for the 2020-2021 school year.

Current law, enacted in H.B. 197 of the 133rd General Assembly, exempts parents of students receiving home instruction, for the 2019-2020 school year, from submitting the results of a standardized achievement assessment administered for the student, which under the current administrative rule is only one alternative for the academic assessment record. It appears that district superintendents still could require parents to submit a written narrative indicating that a portfolio of samples of the student's work has been reviewed or an alternative assessment, which are the other alternatives for the academic assessment record prescribed in the current administrative rule.

HB 164 overrides HB 197 by temporarily exempting home instructed students from the entire assessment record requirement for the 2019-2020 school year.