

JOHN STARK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME SCHOOL POLICY

High school-aged home school students may access any part of the John Stark regular curriculum or extra-curricular programs per RSA 193:1-c.

The following applies to such access:

- Home school students will obey all school rules, meet any prerequisites for courses or programs, and meet all entrance criteria for extra-curricular programs in the same manner as each applies to John Stark students.
- Courses or support services that are not part of the regular curriculum will not be developed or provided.
- Teachers and staff will not be asked to provide any additional materials or tutoring time for home school students. Home school students may access any regularly scheduled extra help sessions.

Home school students who seek to become regular John Stark students will be placed in a grade level as recommended by the principal or his or her designee based on one or more of the following:

- A portfolio of home school work
- Assessment data from annual home school evaluations
- Student interviews
- Student demonstration of knowledge and skills that may include locally developed or standardized oral or written assessments

Placement decisions are made for the beginning of a school year or at the beginning of a second semester. A placement made at any other time is temporary and will not count toward years in attendance at John Stark. The superintendent will make the final placement determination based on a recommendation from the principal or his or her designee. Placement will be reviewed after a student has attended his or her first quarter of school at John Stark. A change in placement will be made at that time if the principal determines it is appropriate.

In order to receive a John Stark High School diploma:

- A student must attend John Stark for at least the last two years of high school.
- The credits that must be accumulated by the student in order to receive a diploma will be prorated based on the number of years in attendance at John Stark.
 - The prorated requirements for graduation will be provided to the student at the time a placement decision is made.
 - The requirements will be developed by the guidance department and will include English credits for each year in attendance as well as at least one math, one science, one social studies credit and a senior project.
 - The requirements will be approved by the principal and can be appealed only to the superintendent whose decision is final.

A previously home-schooled student who attends John Stark and will receive a John Stark diploma will have the same responsibilities, rights and privileges given to all students who will receive a John Stark diploma.

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