

Individualized Instructional Program (IIP) vs. Traditional Homeschool

	Hope Scholarship Program Individualized Instructional Program (IIP)	Traditional Homeschool
WV State Code Compulsory Attendance Exemption	W. Va. State Code §18-8-1(m)	W. Va. State Code §18-8-1(c)
Definition	Instruction takes place either at home or another location. This includes students attending a microschool or learning pod.	Instruction takes place in the home of the child or another location approved by the county board.
Required Subjects of Instruction	Reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies	Reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies
Funds Received to Provide Instruction	The Hope Scholarship amount varies annually, but participating students receive approximately \$5,000 per year in an Education Savings Account to spend on qualifying educational expenses.	None
Notice of Intent (NOI) Requirements	Hope Scholarship participants in all grade levels K-12 must submit a Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent to the local county board of education once the student's Hope Scholarship application is in "Eligible" Status. On the form, please indicate "IIP" as the Hope pathway. A student's Hope Scholarship Account will not be funded until the NOI is on file in WVEIS.	A Homeschool Notice of Intent must be submitted to the local county board of education for any child of compulsory attendance age who will be receiving home instruction.
Notice of Termination Requirements	No statutory requirement to submit a Notice of Termination to the county board of education upon termination of participation in the Hope Scholarship Program. However, there is a statutory requirement to notify the Hope Scholarship Board if a student returns to public school, moves out of state, graduates, or otherwise loses Hope eligibility.	Statute requires a Notice of Termination for any child of compulsory attendance age who will cease to receive home instruction.
Academic Progress Reporting	June 8 – Year-end Academic Progress Reporting is due to the local county board of education annually for Hope participants in all grade levels.	June 30 – Must complete an academic assessment of the child annually, but submission of the academic assessment to the local county board of education is only required for students in grades three, five, eight, and eleven.

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Options for Demonstrating Annual Academic Progress	<p>The (2) two options to demonstrate academic progress are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nationally normed standardized achievement test in accordance with West Virginia Code §18-31-8(a)(4)(A); or 2. A certified teacher conducts a review of the student's academic work annually and certifies the student is making academic progress commensurate with his or her age and ability. The teacher's determination is reported to the county superintendent by completing the Hope Scholarship Academic Review Form. 	<p>The (4) four options available for academic assessments are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The child takes a nationally normed standardized achievement test; W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(2)(C)(i); 2. The child participates in the testing program currently in use in the public schools. W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(2)(C)(ii); 3. A certified teacher conducts a review of a portfolio of samples of the child's academic work and determines whether the child's academic progress is in accordance with the child's abilities. W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(2)(C)(iii); or 4. The child completes an alternative academic assessment of proficiency that is mutually agreed upon by the parent or legal guardian and the county superintendent. W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(2)(C)(iv).
Attending Public School Courses	<p>Hope Scholarship students may use funds to purchase part-time educational services from a West Virginia public school. This includes in-person, virtual and career technical education courses. The student will be charged tuition for their enrollment in public school courses.</p>	<p>Any child receiving home instruction, upon approval of the county board, may exercise the option to attend any class offered by the county board, subject to the normal registration and attendance requirements. This includes career technical education (CTE) and Virtual School programs. There should be no charge from the public school to attend courses. W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(3), W. Va. Code §18-5-15C</p>
WVSSAC Interscholastic Athletic Events and Other Extracurricular Activities	<p>Eligible for participation if the student has demonstrated satisfactory evidence of academic progress, provided that the student's average test results are within or above the fourth stanine in all subject areas. Eligibility is limited to the public school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives. Students are subject to the transfer rules. Reasonable fees may be charged by the public school. W. Va. Code §18-2-25</p>	<p>Eligible for participation if the student has demonstrated satisfactory evidence of academic progress, provided that the student's average test results are within or above the fourth stanine in all subject areas. Eligibility is limited to the public school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives. Students are subject to the transfer rules. Reasonable fees may be charged by the public school. W. Va. Code §18-2-25</p>
Educational Assistance from the Local County Board of Education	<p>The county superintendent or designee is not required by statute to offer assistance.</p>	<p>The county superintendent or designee shall offer assistance by providing instructional resources, teaching material, and other additional available resources (all subject to availability) W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(3)</p>
Submission of Home Educator Credentials	<p>No submission required.</p>	<p>The person or persons providing home instruction must submit a copy of their high school diploma or equivalent, or a post-secondary degree or certificate from a regionally accredited institution or from an institution of higher education, to their local county board of education. W. Va. Code §18-8-1(c)(2)(B)</p>

