

KASSON-MANTORVILLE SCHOOLS

"Committed To Excellence"

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August 4, 2025

Dear Homeschooler:

Minnesota's Compulsory Instruction statutes (sections 120A.22, 120A.24 and 120A.26) require you to submit the name, birthdate, and address of each student ages 7-17 as well as instructor qualifications to each student's resident public school superintendent by October 1 of each year. You also must come to an agreement with the superintendent on a nationally normed achievement test each year. Linked here is the Letter of Intent to Continue to Provide Instruction. If you have moved or are starting a homeschool for the first time, you must file an Initial Registration Form for Unaccredited Schools, which can be found online at www.education.state.mn.us → Students and Families → School Choice → Nonpublic and Homeschools or picked up in the KM District Office. You are required to fully complete ONE of these two forms and return to the school. If you have no children in the household attending homeschool, please notify me to be removed from future mailings. If you're receiving this letter as a mailed, hard copy, please send me your email address to k.petersen@komets.k12.mn.us. Next year and years following, all homeschool communications will be electronic. Thank you!

Nonpublic Pupil Aids

Nonpublic schools and homeschools may elect to receive Aids to Nonpublic Students. Nonpublic schools and homeschools must request this aid from their local school district by September 15 using the enclosed Form # ED-01650-38 – Student Report for Aids to Nonpublic Students. Please attach eligible receipts for costs and include book name, ISBN #'s, author, and any other pertinent information. Eligible receipts should only include items purchased between July 1 and June 30 of the school year they will be used in, per Statute 123.b.42.

The authorized rates of entitlement per eligible pupil to be used in computing district allotments for nonpublic pupil aids for school year 2025-2026 are as follows:

Textbooks, Standardized Tests, and Individualized Instructional Materials
 Pupil Health Services
 Secondary Pupil Guidance and Counseling Services
 \$358.75

Looking for free meals for your kids this summer? The Free Meals for Kids app makes it easy to find locations near you offering free, nutritious meals for all kids up to age 18—no sign-up required for most sites! Download the Free Meals for Kids app on App Store or Google Play. You'll find updated info on schools, parks, libraries, and community centers offering meals—just search, show up, and eat! More info and flyers in multiple languages: hungerimpactpartners.org/meals-for-kids/mobile-app Please note: This is a statewide program managed by Hunger Impact Partners and MDE. Direct questions to HUNGER IMPACT PARTNERS: Office – 612-208-0139 or info@hungerimpactpartners.org

Please return homeschool forms and vaccination records or exemption form (students aged kindergarten, 7th grade, and 12th grade) ASAP, but no later than the State deadline of **September 15, 2025**, to: k.petersen@komets.k12.mn.us or Karlyn Petersen, Kasson-Mantorville Schools, 101 16th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944.

Maintaining and Submitting Documentation and Scores

Minnesota's Compulsory Instruction law, Minnesota Statutes, sections 120A.24 and 120A.24, mean instructors do <u>not</u> need to submit calendars or report cards to superintendents. However, state law requires instructors to maintain information on curriculum, instruction and all required testing, including annual and supplemental tests, proof of testing administration and scores. This information must be submitted to the public school when enrolling as a public school student. It also must be submitted to the county attorney if requested in cases of educational neglect.

Helpful information is available online on the MN Dept of Ed website: $\underline{www.education.state.mn.us} \rightarrow Students$ and Families \rightarrow School Choice \rightarrow Nonpublic and Homeschools \rightarrow Home School Education \rightarrow Home-School Questions and Answers. Comprehensive information is provided for parents on starting or maintaining homeschools in Minnesota in accordance with the law.

Sincerely,

Karlyn Petersen
Administrative Assistant & Communications Director