

## **ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS FROM NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

“Home school” means non-public school in which one or more children of not more than two families or households receive academic instruction from parents or legal guardians or a member of either household.

The North Carolina compulsory attendance law requires that every child residing in this State who has turned age seven and until he/she has turned age sixteen must be enrolled in a public or private school. A parent or legal guardian may legally form a private school to teach his/her children at home. Non-public or private school students are excluded from attending or enrolling in any public school course or instructional program or actively participating in extracurricular activities in Pitt County Schools.

The Pitt County Board of Education acknowledges that in June 1988, Chapter 115-C, Article 39 of the North Carolina General Statutes was amended to allow parents or legal guardians to form a private school for the purpose of teaching their children at home. Students who have received home instruction and desire to enter public schools are required to provide documentation of registration of the home school with the Division of Non-Public Education, a birth certificate, an immunization record, attendance records, and annual nationally standardized testing results. Additional requirements may be necessary to facilitate appropriate grade placement. It is the ultimate legal responsibility of the principal to grade and classify students.

**Last Revision/Adoption:** Previous Revision (January 31, 1997)

**Legal References:** 115-C, Article 39

**Cross References:** None