



# Indiana Department of Education

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To: Indiana State Board of Education

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Subject: Excessive Homes School Process for IC 20-26-13-10(b)

This memorandum outlines the proposed process to implement IC 20-26-13-10(b). Indiana Department of Education (Department) recommends the adoption of this process by the Indiana State Board of Education (Board).

## **Background**

Public Law 159-2019 added the requirement that any high school with a high percentage of students leaving the high school's cohort to attend homeschool must submit a request to the board to allow these students to be removed from the cohort instead of being considered "dropouts".

Specifically, IC 20-26-13-10(b) provides that any high school where a significant percentage of students in the cohort were removed to attend homeschool and not on track to graduate at the time of removal must submit a request to the Board to request these students be considered mobile and not considered dropouts. The Board must review the request and deny such request if the high school fails to demonstrate "good cause" to justify the student's mobility to homeschool. Any student for which a request is denied by the Board shall be returned to the high school's cohort and considered a dropout for purposes of graduation rate calculations.

## **Review Process**

The Department recommends the implementation of the following process to carry out IC 20-26-13-10(b).

1. Department staff compiles a list of all high schools that satisfy one of the following:
  - a. For a cohort of 100 students or less, at least ten percent (10.0%) of the students in the cohort were mobilized to homeschool and were not on-track to graduate using the credit accumulation information that has been submitted to the Department by schools. Where the denominator equals the total number of students who were ever in the school's cohort over the term of the respective cohort and were not moved to another Indiana school's cohort, and the numerator equals the total number of students in the cohort who were identified as mobilized to homeschool and were considered to not be on-track to graduate at the time of their exit.



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- b. For a cohort of more than 100 students, at least five percent (5.0%) of the students in the cohort were mobilized to homeschool and were not on-track to graduate using the credit accumulation information that has been submitted to the Department by schools. Where the denominator equals the total number of students who were ever in the school's cohort over the term of the respective cohort and were not moved to another Indiana school's cohort, and the numerator equals the total number of students in the cohort who were identified as mobilized to homeschool and were considered to not be on-track to graduate at the time of their exit.
2. Department staff notifies each high school identified under (1) of their identification and that the school must complete a form that justifies in general terms (not student specific) why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool". This form must be signed by the principal, superintendent, and Board President (or equivalent) and returned to the Department by a date fixed in late November of the graduating cohort year. Schools will be provided at least 10 business days to return the form to the Department.
3. All returned forms will be shared with the Board and published to the Board's website.
4. The Department will recommend that all students identified as exited to homeschool not on track to graduate at a school that fails to return the form by the deadline be returned to the school's cohort and considered a dropout for purposes of graduation rate.
5. The Board will make a determination regarding the returned forms at the December meeting.

### **On-Track to Graduate**

The Department recommends using the same rubric for on-track to graduate as will be used in the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard.



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## Graduating Cohort Year Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

<b>Corporation Name</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>School Name</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Superintendent Name</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Principal Name</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Board President (or Similar) Name:</b>	
<b>Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in the graduating cohort year</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in the graduating cohort year not on track to graduate</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Number of Students in the graduating cohort year</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Total number of students who were ever in the graduating cohort year over the term of the respective cohort &amp; were not moved to another school's cohort</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate</b>	<i>DOE Completes</i>
<b>Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool"</b>	
<b>Principal Signature</b>	
<b>Superintendent Signature</b>	
<b>Board President Signature</b>	