

## **Home Study Frequently Asked Questions**

### **End of the Year Assessment (EOYA) One Time Special Exception**

March 19, 2021

**Do I need to submit an EOYA to the Agency of Education for the 2020-2021 school year?**

On Tuesday, March 8, 2021, the Secretary issued a [memo](#) stating that families are not required to submit an EOYA to the Agency of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Is this one-time special exception for everyone?**

Yes, this special exception is for every student. It does not matter if your student is new this year or is a returning student.

**If I plan on sending my student back to school in the fall, will I need to provide the school with any documentation?**

Possibly. Schools may want to see student work samples that students accomplished during the school year. Such information will help schools with grade-level placement decisions.

It will be especially important to share information with guidance departments (for high school aged students). If the student completes a home study program and enters/returns to a public/independent school, the student's achievement level (such as grade level or academic standing) will be at the discretion of the school. Students might not receive credit for courses undertaken at home and may need to repeat courses.

Parents are strongly encouraged to keep copies of the curriculum, samples of student work, grades from online academies and/or assessment results. These records may be useful for college admissions, military service opportunities, and grade-level placement decisions at public or independent schools.

**Do I still need to submit any other incomplete or missing documentation for this school year?**

Yes, the one-time exception is only available to those families who have completed all other outstanding requirements for enrollment in the current school year. If your enrollment is not yet complete, it must be completed before your student is eligible for the EOYA one-time special exception.

**I already submitted my EOYA. Will it be reviewed?**

If we received and read it prior to Tuesday, March 8, 2021, then yes, it has been reviewed. If we had not read it or received after March 8, then we will not review it.

**Will my Minimum Course of Study (MCOS) exemption be affected?**

No. If your student was exempt this past year, then the student will continue to be exempt as long as the Enrollment Form is received by midnight on August 1, 2021.

**My student should be exempt from the MCOS this coming school year, will the EOYA one-time special exception affect the MCOS exemption?**

No. As long as all other criteria for the exemption have been met ([16 V.S.A. §166b\(k\)](#)), and the Enrollment Form is received by midnight on August 1, 2021, the student will still be eligible for the exemption.

**I have not received my Complete Letter. When will I receive it?**

The Home Study Team is now (as of March 12, 2021) starting to send out Complete Letters. We have several thousand to print and mail. We appreciate your patience.

Home Study staff have been instructed to email families to state whether their 2020-2021 paperwork was complete or incomplete. Families are encouraged to look in their email inboxes, spam and trash folders to see if they received an email from the Agency of Education.

**Will the absence of an EOYA affect my request for a Verification Letter?**

No. We will still honor requests for verification letters even though we are not in receipt of an EOYA.