



Integrity of Study in Home-Based Learning

Home-based learning, as in any other field of academic study, involves learning and internalizing information. The process of effective learning is time-consuming and requires effort. To circumvent this process minimizes the quality of education. In an effort to promote effective learning practices, NARHS requires registered families to agree to follow these guidelines.

Please initial each line acknowledging you have read and understood these guidelines.

_____ In most cases, NARHS recommends that a student has his/her work, assignments or tests graded by a parent or other qualified individual.

_____ All final course grades must be based on scored work, the course objectives or an assessment form, such as those found in the Resource Advisor. Parents may create their own evaluation forms or rubrics. Before the onset of study is a good time to inform the student how the work will be graded. By knowing this, a student will be able to focus studies on what's important.

_____ If a test is taken over in order to improve the grade, then both tests' grades must be averaged. The averaged grade should then be the one reported. If a number of tests are taken before the final grade is determined for a chapter, then an average of all test grades or an average of the first and last are required.

_____ Open book tests are considered simply review exercises. The results of a test should indicate the level of correct internalization of information. Test results reported to NARHS should be from actual test scores. The graded tests used in the final grade average must be submitted in the portfolio.

_____ It is recommended that students do not have access to answer keys. In addition, it is recommended that students do not have internet access when taking tests or doing chapter reviews. For any work submitted to NARHS for credit verification, detected copying from answer keys will lead to loss of credit recognition.

_____ Plagiarism is an act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and/or the representation of that author's work as one's own. As students begin to write essays, training in acceptable summarizing and honest documentation which credits the author is recommended. For any work submitted to NARHS for credit verification, detected plagiarism will lead to loss of credit recognition on the accredited transcript.

The signatures below indicate that these requirements have been read, understood, and agreed upon for the current course of studies.

Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

*Send this completed form along with the non-refundable tuition fee at time of registration to:
NARHS 14 S 6th Ave. Yakima, WA 98902*