

Massachusetts Homeschool Graduation Requirements

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District approval	The home education plan must be approved in advance by the superintendent or school committee
Legal basis	M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 1, as interpreted by Care and Protection of Charles, 399 Mass. 324 (1987)
What districts may review	Curriculum, materials, hours, teaching methods, and evaluation, but not teacher certification or college degrees
Testing / evaluation	The district may require periodic standardized testing or agree to progress reports or dated work samples
Home visits	May not be required as a condition of approval without parental consent (Brunelle, 428 Mass. 512 (1998))
Graduation requirements	None. Approval covers the instruction plan, not completion; the parent decides when high school is finished
Who issues the diploma	The parent, in the name of the family's home education program. Districts do not graduate homeschoolers
College admissions	UMass asks for a grades 9 to 12 transcript with course timeframes and an assessment of performance
Compulsory attendance ages	6 to 16

Full guide with statute citations and sources: <https://hsdiplomas.com/resources/state-graduation-requirements/massachusetts>

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