

English and Maths As Part Of College Course For Home Educated 14-16s

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<http://edyourself.org/engmathscollege14-16.pdf>
via <http://edyourself.org/articles/14-16collegeFAQ.php>

The issue has come up recently as to whether home educated under 16s at college are required to take classes in English and maths "because of the funding." The response below from the Education Funding Agency states that:

1. as students are under 16, the Condition of Funding methodology does not apply
2. home educated students do not count towards 14-16 direct funding
3. home educated students do not form part of the arrangements for full time enrolment of 14-16s
4. it is not a standard requirement for the college to provide maths and English tuition to home educated 14-16s

12/09/2016 10:17 Fiona Nicholson query to Education Funding Agency

I have done a lot of work through the Home Education APPG supporting colleges taking home educated 14-16s.

I've recently had a college tell me that their funding department instructs them to apply the post-16 programme criteria whereby English and maths MUST be part of the curriculum for a 14 or 15 year old home educated student at college doing any more than 150 hours a year.

The web page is a bit confusing

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-time-enrolment-of-14-to-16-year-olds-in-further-education-and-sixth-form-colleges-in-2016-to-2017-academic-year>

It seems to say that English and maths must be part of the course, but also says 14-16s have to be provided with religious assembly and are eligible for the Pupil Premium.

I thought all this only applied to directly recruited 14-16s for whom college was replacing school.

My questions are:

For home educated 14-16s enrolled in college under the home education funding rules

1/ Do colleges have to include maths and English classes if these home educated students are studying more than 150 hours a year?

2/ Must colleges provide a religious assembly for part-time home educated 14-16s?

3/ Are home educated 14-16s studying more than 150 hours a year eligible for the Pupil Premium?

26/09/2016 Education Funding Agency response

As the students are under 16 years of age, the Condition of Funding methodology would not apply.

However, based on the student's age, we would anticipate the students would still be studying maths and English in line with the national curriculum.

As there is no direct recruitment and therefore the students do not count towards 14 to 16 direct funding in Further Education, colleges do not need to provide religious assembly to home educated students.

Home educated students are not eligible for the Pupil Premium funding.

26/09/2016 Fiona Nicholson to the Education Funding Agency

So just to be absolutely clear, home educated 14-16 students aren't required to take English and maths classes with the college? (They could for example be studying those subjects at home)

27/09/2016 Education Funding Agency response

Home educated students do not form part of the arrangements, for the full time enrolment of 14 to 16 years olds, in further education and sixth form colleges.

It is not a standard requirement to provide maths and English tuition, unless by prior arrangement with the Local Authority (LA) or parent.

The parents of home educated children are free to teach maths and English at home, although there is no legal duty to do.

Parents of home educated children are not required to teach the National Curriculum.

Further guidance is available in the elected home education guidance for LA's on GOV.UK.