The first home school option is the Independent Home School model. Independent home school students are those who register with the LEA (Knox County Schools) through the Intent to Home School form (See Section: Forms). Please note, parents or legal guardians must have documentation of a GED or High School Diploma. Parent or legal guardian must provide instruction for at least 4 hours per day for the same number of instructional days as are required by state law for public schools, which is 180 days. Some important items to note:

● The Intent to Home School form must be completed and submitted to the Home School Supervisor each year.

● Independent home school students must provide proof of immunization.

● Students in grades 5, 7, and 9 must participate in standardized assessments.

● Tests can be administered by either Knox County Schools free of charge, or by a professional testing service approved by the school district at the parent’s expense.

● If a home school student in grade 9 is taking a course for which there is an end of course test, that student should be required to take that end of course exam.

● If the student falls more than 1 year behind grade level for 2 consecutive years, the Superintendent of Knox County Schools may require the parent to enroll the child in a public or non-public school.

● Accurate attendance records must be kept and submitted to the Home School Office each year.