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2	(2) The executive directors of the education service
3	cooperatives shall establish a common set of procedures approved by the
4	Commissioner of Education for the proper administration of the tests required
5	by this section.
6	(3) The administration shall include purchasing the test
7	materials, giving the tests, scoring and interpreting the tests, and
8	reporting test results.
9	(c) The cost of testing required by this section shall be the
10	responsibility of the department when the tests are administered by the
11	directors of the education service cooperatives or other department
12	designees.
13	(d)(l) Alternate testing procedures may be approved by the executive
14	director of an education service cooperative after consultation with the
15	parents of a home-schooled student.
16	(2) However, any costs associated with an alternate testing
17	procedure shall be the responsibility of the parents.
18	(e)(l)(A) Any student who refuses to participate in the testing
19	program or the alternate testing program required by this section has not met
20	the statutory prerequisites for home schooling and, as any other student,
21	shall be subject to the applicable Arkansas laws regarding truancy.
22	(B) After a student corrects any refusal to participate in
23	the testing program or the alternate testing program as determined by the
24	department and required by this subsection, the student shall be restored to
25	home school status after his or her parent or guardian has complied with all
26	requirements of § 6-15-503.
27	(2) This subsection shall not be applicable to any parent who
28	can present written acknowledgement that the child has been enrolled in a
29	public, private, or parochial school within thirty (30) days of the
30	administration of the state-mandated achievement test.
31	(f)(l)(a)(l) Each local school district may assess any home-schooled
32	student who enrolls or reenrolls in the school district in order to determine
33	proper educational placement.
34	(2) Among other means of assessment, the local school district
35	shall utilize the norm-referenced test approved by the state board to assess
36	the student and shall determine placement in the appropriate grade level as

1	indicated by the test results <u>A local school district that chooses to assess</u>
2	a home-school student who enrolls or reenrolls in the school district shall
3	use the same assessment that the school district uses when a student who has
4	attended another public school or private school enrolls or reenrolls.
5	(g) (b) Any A home-schooled student who enrolls or reenrolls in a local
6	school district must shall attend classes for at least nine (9) months
7	immediately before graduation before the student can become eligible to
8	receive a high school diploma from the school district.
9	(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a home-schooled student
10	from participating in any test or assessment.
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