



HOME EDUCATION

Background

While the Division strongly encourages its resident students to attend the education programs offered in its schools, the Division recognizes and accepts:

- The right of a parent to educate a child or children through home education;
- The responsibility to provide for the supervision of home education programs for its resident students; and
- The responsibility to provide to each student an education program that meets the standards consistent with the requirements of the Education Act, and as set out by the Minister of Education.

Procedures

1. A Principal of a school that provides home education programming shall ensure:
 - 1.1 Parents and students have access to a current Home Education Handbook that shall include:
 - 1.1.1 The required parent notification form for Home Education and
 - 1.1.2 A template for the parent's use in completing a written program plan.
 - 1.2 Home education students are supervised by certified staff, including at least two (2) evaluations of the student's learning in each school year.
 - 1.3 Students in home education programs are provided the information and given the opportunity, at the time designated by the Minister, and under the supervision of the Division, to write the applicable provincial assessments under programs established by the Minister.
 - 1.4 Parents are annually informed that funding in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the provincial home education grant shall be available to assist parents in defraying costs incurred by the parent for resources related to the home education program:
 - 1.4.1 The parent shall provide receipts showing how the money was spent prior to the provision of any defrayed funding by the Division;
 - 1.4.2 Funding assistance declined by the parent or any portion unspent shall not accumulate beyond the school year in which it was accessed by the parent.



- 1.5 Parents shall receive communication regarding the possible limitations of a home education program, including the difficulty home education students may have in accessing high school credits where the courses of study have not been those approved by the Minister.
 - 1.6 Notwithstanding (1.4) and (1.5) above, the school providing home education programming shall endeavour to provide consultative and resource-based support to home education parents and students, as may be necessary in individual circumstances.
 - 1.7 Home education students shall be allowed to enroll in Work Experience, Registered Programs, or Green Certificate Programs provided they are under the supervision of a certificated teacher of the Division.
2. The Superintendent or designate may terminate a home education program as legislated in the Alberta Home Education Regulation 89/2019 (8).

Reference: Section 20 Education Act
Home Education Handbook
Home Education Regulation (89/2019) 8
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12