

HOME EDUCATION

Background

The Division believes its primary responsibility is the provision of educational services and instruction to students in the classroom, and that students are best accommodated for instructional purposes in the regular or inclusive education classes conducted within its schools. However, within the provisions of the *School Act*, the Division recognizes the parental right and the responsibility to make decisions respecting the education of their children, including the right of parents to place their children in home education programs. The Division has the responsibility to ensure that appropriate education is in place for all of its resident students.

Procedures

1. Parents who wish to provide a Home Education program for their child shall notify the Assistant Superintendent - Learning and complete the *Home Education Notification Form*:
 - 1.1 Not later than August 15 if the Home Education program is to begin at the beginning of the next school year; or
 - 1.2 When a student stops attending or is no longer enrolled in a school operated by the Division.
2. The Assistant Superintendent - Learning or designate shall be responsible for:
 - 2.1 Supervision of the student to ascertain that satisfactory learning is taking place; and
 - 2.2 Notifying parents when Provincial Achievement Exams will be written in their school area and requesting their student's attendance.
3. The Division will financially support registered, resident Home Education students by providing reimbursement for approved materials up to a maximum of 50% of funding from Alberta Education for Home Education.
4. The Division will only reimburse parents after they provide copies of cash receipts for approved materials.
5. The Division will allow a BRSD registered Home Education student to be blended in a school, within the Division, to assist in rounding out the student's program or to facilitate a gradual reintegration of the student into the public school system. Financial support for these students will be prorated accordingly.

Form: Home Education Regulation A.R. 145/2006 Notification Form (Government of Alberta Education Form 2)

Reference: Section 13, 29, 39, 40, 45, 123, 124, 125, School Act
Home Education Regulation 126/99 (amended A.R. 4/2000)
Home Education Policy 1.1.2
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Individual's Rights Protection Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Child Welfare Act
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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