

## **HOME EDUCATION**

### **Background**

The Division recognizes and accepts the right of a parent to educate a child or children through home education and the responsibility to provide for the supervision of home education programs for its resident students.

### **Procedures**

1. Parents and students have access, upon request, to a Home Education Handbook that will include:
  - 1.1. The required parent notification form for home education; and
  - 1.2. A template for the parent's use in completing a written program plan.
2. Home education parents and students are supported and supervised by certificated staff, including:
  - 2.1. Upon request, advise and provide assistance to the parent in preparation of the written description of a home education program;
  - 2.2. At least two (2) evaluations of the student's learning in each school year; and
  - 2.3. A system will be established to provide for and maintain records of the assessment of the student's achievement.
3. The parent notification form for the request and/or continuation of home education must be submitted to the Division by September 15 to be eligible for funding.
  - 3.1. The Division will notify the parent within 15 school days after receiving notice of its decision with respect to supervising or continuing to supervise the home education program.
4. Parents are annually informed that funding in the amount of 50% of the provincial home education grant will be available to assist parents in defraying applicable costs incurred by the parent for resources related to the home education program:
  - 4.1. The parent will provide receipts showing how the money was spent prior to the provision of any defrayed funding by the Division;
  - 4.2. The parent will provide a refundable security deposit for textbook use that, upon return at the end of the school year in the condition it was borrowed, will be returned to the parent; and

- 4.3. All or portions of funding assistance, declined by the parent, will not accumulate beyond the school year in which it was accessed by the parent.
5. Parents will 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.
  6. Home education students in high school will be allowed to enroll in work experience, Registered Apprenticeship Programs or Green Certificate Programs provided they are under the supervision of a certificated teacher of the Division.
  7. Notwithstanding (3) and (4) above, a certificated teacher will endeavour to provide consultative and resource-based support to home education parents and students, as may be necessary in individual cases.
  8. Students' enrolled in home education programs at levels equivalent to Grades 6/9 will write the Provincial Achievement Test or an alternative test that reflects the standards similar to those in provincial achievement tests.
  9. The Superintendent or designate may terminate a home education program as legislated in the Home Education Regulation.

References: Section 3,11,18,20,32,33,42,43,44,52,53,204,222 Education Act  
Section 8 Home Education Regulation 89/2019  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12  
Home Education Handbook

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