

HOME SCHOOLING

Background

Under the School Act, parents have the right to choose to educate their children at home. The purpose of this operational procedure is to recognize this right, and to ensure that the school district provides appropriate assistance in accordance with the School Act and related regulations.

Procedure

1. Where a parent/legal guardian who reside in the district chooses to educate their child at home, the parent/legal guardian may register the school-aged child at any public school of their choice within the district.
2. Parents/legal guardians who choose to homeschool must register their child by September 30 of each year.
3. The principal of the school will offer the following to the home school learner or the parent/legal guardian:
 - 3.1 The loan of educational resource materials that are authorized by the Ministry of Education.
 - 3.2 Access to the school library collection on a similar basis as it is offered to full-time enrolled students.
 - 3.3 Participation in any standardized assessments of children of the same age that are scored by agencies external to the district (for example, CAT testing).
 - 3.4 Participation in appropriate provincial learning and assessment programs.
4. The child registered for home education shall be offered those services required by legislation, but the child shall not be entitled to attend educational programs offered at the school. Should parents wish to access educational programs, gym time, etc. they should consider the district's eBlend program at Robron Centre, which offers the flexibility of homeschooling with teacher support and social interaction.
5. Children in grades 10, 11, or 12 may enrol in a distributed learning course and also be registered as a homeschooler.
6. In accordance with the legislation, homeschoolers are not eligible to receive a BC Dogwood Graduation Certificate.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 12, 13, 22, 65, 85, 168 School Act