

# AP 270 – HOME-BASED EDUCATION

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## Background

In order to meet the diverse needs of students and in order to honor the right of parents to choose to provide for their child's education at home, the Division has developed the following procedures for home-based education programs.

## Procedures

1. The School Division will have personnel identified as the registrar for home-based schooling. The registering family is required to register by August 31 and adheres to regulations from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education documents and the Education Act Home-based Education Program Regulations. <http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/85880-HBE%20Policy%20Manual%202016-17%20Aug.24.16.pdf>
2. The Division will accept new registrations from families who reside in the legislated boundaries of the City of Lloydminster or within the legislated boundaries of another Alberta or Saskatchewan school division. All current registered students and siblings are not subject to this geographic limitation.
3. Financial assistance may be available to parents who plan to use accredited correspondence or online programs of studies for Home-based schooling upon approval from the School Division Personnel.
  - 3.1 The Division will provide, at the request of the parents or guardians, the cost of registration, tuition and course materials for such programs. Such costs could include technology purchases, but such purchases come with no technical support from the Division. Reimbursement will not include the cost for consumable materials.
  - 3.2 The total amount of financial assistance allotted for one (1) student shall not exceed the value of the provincial grant available to the Division with respect to the individual home-based education student.
  - 3.3 Families will be notified via email of the maximum amount of reimbursement available per student by August 31 of each school year.
4. Payment by the Division to the parents or guardians for costs incurred to the maximum allocation for each student shall require original receipts and occur only after September 30 of the school year and only if the student is still registered with the Division.
5. Written education plans shall be in accordance with Section 12 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations and submitted by August 31 for the upcoming school year.
6. A portfolio shall be developed and kept in accordance with Section 13 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations. This portfolio will remain in the home.

7. An annual progress report shall be provided to the Digital Media Communications prior to July 31 for the preceding school year in accordance with section 14 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations.
8. Registration shall be valid until the end of the school year for which the registration was granted and it will renew automatically upon receipt and acceptance of the next year's education plan if received prior to August 31.
9. Renewal of registration shall be subject to Sections 22 and 23 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations and viewed in the same manner as the initial registration. Either the parents/guardians or school division may request a conference at the time of renewal if deemed appropriate.
10. The school division shall ensure that the operations of the registered Home-based Education programs are in compliance with the Home-based Education Program Regulations, administrative procedures and policies of the Division.
11. The school division shall ensure that permanent records for each Home-based learner are maintained in accordance with section 21 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations, administrative procedures and policies of the Division, and include:
  - 11.1 All notifications received pursuant to section 8;
  - 11.2 The written educational plan, including any amendments, for each school year;
  - 11.3 Correspondence with the home-based educator with respect to the registration, monitoring and renewal of the program;
  - 11.4 Annual progress reports;
  - 11.5 The results of any tests or assessments administered pursuant to these regulations;
  - 11.6 Documents relating to any dispute resolution process; and
  - 11.7 Documents relating to any appeals to the board of education with respect to the program.
  - 11.8 Ministry documentation including the Notice of Intent.
12. The Division will make the following available to home-based educators, for items where extra supply exists:
  - 12.1 Loan of textbooks currently in use in the Division;
  - 12.2 Loan of Ministry of Education curriculum publications;
  - 12.3 Access to regularly scheduled courses from grades eight to twelve (based on available space), for partial school days, with costs for each course deducted from the total allotment granted to the family from the Division. Parents will receive costs for courses upon request;
  - 12.4 Standardized testing, as administered by the Division to all students;
  - 12.5 Guidance counseling services, given requests for such service and all questions are provided to the guidance counselor at Holy Rosary High School at least one (1) week prior to the service being provided.

- 12.6 Participation in grade appropriate extra-curricular activities.
- 12.6.1 Fees will be levied in a manner consistent with fees assessed to all students participating in such activities.
  - 12.6.2 Students participating in any of these activities will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the expectations for all students participating and would be subject to disciplinary measures in the same manner as all students normally registered in the school. Failure to act in a manner consistent with school policies and administrative procedures and the Catholic faith may result in suspension from this activity;
- 12.7 Access to a Driver Education program delivered in Holy Rosary High School (based on available space). Registration must be made prior to September 1 of each school year. If a cost exists (currently, Saskatchewan students are covered by SGI), the cost of the Driver Education program would be deducted from the total financial allotment granted by the Division to the family. Parents will receive costs for courses upon request.

All services described above must be requested in the educational plan that is submitted at the beginning of the school year. All other requests must be made in writing to the school division.

13. Parents of registered home-based education students will be made aware of all notifications the Division receives relevant to home-based education programs from the Ministry of Education.
14. Termination of the home-based education program by the either the Division or the parents/guardians shall be in accordance with Section 22 of the Home-based Education Program Regulations.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 157, 175 Education Act  
Home-Based Education Program Regulations  
<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=publications.details&p=663>