

HOME SCHOOLING

Background

The Province of British Columbia affords parents the right to provide their children with an educational program at home rather than in a school setting.

The District, in recognizing this right, will provide support and materials as provided for in the *School Regulation 265/89*. The District may also provide services and materials as requested, as long as the services and materials provided to enrolled students are in no way diminished or restricted.

To be eligible for services, parents shall register as a home-schooler in the catchment age-appropriate school to their home and may provide a written request to the Superintendent should they wish to register in another school. Home-schoolers can participate in sports teams and extra-curricular activities associated with the school.

Procedures

1. Evaluation and Assessment

1.1. Home school parents are eligible for:

- 1.1.1. Assessment normally provided by the District Assessment Centre following standard procedures,
- 1.1.2. Participation in government examinations at the school of choice following standard government examination procedures, and
- 1.1.3. Standardized testing and/or provincial assessment in accordance with established District and/or provincial procedures.

2. Access to Materials

2.1. Home school parents are eligible for:

- 2.1.1. Textbooks provided on loan to the student in a manner to be determined by the Principal;
- 2.1.2. Library books provided on loan to the student in a manner consistent with District practice;
- 2.1.3. Some material provided on loan through the Learning Resources Centre in a manner determined by the Superintendent; and
- 2.1.4. Materials not returned or continually returned in damaged condition may result in certain privileges being denied with the exception of materials that are authorized and recommended by the Minister.

2.1.5. Equipment may not be rented or loaned.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 12, 13, 22, 65, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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