

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 *Education Act*, the Division recognizes the parental right and the responsibility to make decisions respecting the education of their children, including the right of parents/guardians 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/guardians who wish to provide a Home Education program for their child shall contact the Principal of Battle River Alternative Centre for Education (B.R.A.C.E.) or designate 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 Principal of B.R.A.C.E. shall be responsible for:
 - 2.1 Supervision of the student to ascertain that satisfactory learning is taking place; and
 - 2.2 Notifying parents/guardians when Provincial Achievement Tests 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, upon the submission of receipts of eligible expenses totaling at least 75% of \$850. Parents/guardians have up to two years to access this funding.
4. Parents/guardians will be allowed to transfer some or all of the parental portion of the home education funding to the associate school authority for education supports should they choose to. If parents/guardians decide to transfer their funding, they will be required to sign a Parent Declaration Form to facilitate this transfer.
5. The Division will only reimburse parents/guardians after they provide copies of cash receipts for approved materials.
6. 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 AR 89/2019 - Notification Form For Home Education Program
Supervised by a School Authority" (Alberta Education Form dated August 2020) (230-1)

Reference: Section 7, 11, 18, 20, 33, 42, 44 Education Act
Home Education Regulation 89/2019 (amended A.R. 145/2020)
Home Education Policy 1.1.2
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Home Education Handbook

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