

SUPERVISED HOME EDUCATION

Background

While HPSPD believes that it is in a student's best interests to receive formal education in a school setting, it recognizes that in some circumstances home education may be the most practical form of education available. Current legislation permits parents to choose a public, private or home education program for their child(ren).

Home education is defined in the Education Act (Alberta Regulation 89/2019) as “an education program provided by a parent to a student in accordance with this Regulation.” It does not include any portion of an education program that is the responsibility of a board to deliver.

Procedures

1. This Administrative Procedure refers to Supervised Home Education programming as defined in the Home Education Regulation Section 2(f)(1).
2. A parent who intends to provide a home education program that is not a supervised home education program to a student must notify the Minister of their intention as per the Home Education Regulation Section 1.1(1).
3. **Notice of intention to provide a supervised home education program**
 - 3.1. A parent who intends to provide a home education program to a student during a school year must notify the school of that intention using the form set by Alberta Education.
 - 3.2. A resident HPSPD parent (as defined by Alberta Education) who is providing a supervised home education program to a student during a school year and intends to continue doing so during the next school year must notify school of that intention using the form set by Alberta Education.
 - 3.3. The school must notify the parent, within 15 school days after receiving the notice, of its decision with respect to supervising or continuing to supervise the home education program.
 - 3.4. The school must notify the parent of any implications that a supervised home education program may have on the student's eligibility to be granted high school credits under section 6.
4. A parent who intends to provide a supervised home education program must follow the guidelines found in the Home Education Regulation Section 3.
5. **Evaluation of student progress**
 - 5.1. A parent providing a home education program to a student must follow the guidelines found in the Home Education Regulation Section 4.
6. **Funding**
 - 6.1. HPSPD will provide up to 50% of the home education funding received under subsection (1) to parents providing supervised home education programs to students in accordance with the process outlined in the Home Education Regulation Section 7.
7. **Termination of home education program**
 - 7.1. During the school year, a school supervising a home education program may terminate the home education program by notice to the parent, and upon approval of the Superintendent of Schools, if
 - 7.1.1. the school determines that the student is not making reasonable progress in the activities selected by the parent under section 3(3) or in achieving the applicable outcomes,
 - 7.1.2. the parent providing the supervised home education program has not met the requirements of Alberta Education's Home Education Regulation.
 - 7.2. A parent may terminate a supervised home education program by
 - 7.2.1. providing notice of the termination in writing to the school, and
 - 7.2.2. enrolling the student in a school operated by a board or in a private school.

- 7.3. Where a student is enrolled in school under subsection (7.2.2), the school may assess the student for the purpose of determining the student's appropriate grade or high school course placement.
- 7.4. If the school terminates a student's home education program under subsection (7.1) when the student has the right to access to an education under section 3 of the Education Act, the school
 - 7.4.1. continues to be responsible for student's education program for the remainder of the school year, and
 - 7.4.2. must ensure that the student has access to an appropriate education program for the remainder of the school year.

8. Appeals

- 8.1. A decision of the Superintendent made under this Administrative Procedure may be appealed to the Board in accordance with Policy 12: Appeals Regarding Student Matters. A decision made by the Board may be reviewed by the Minister in accordance with section 43 of the Education Act and the Minister may exercise all the powers of review referred to in section 44 of the Education Act.

References

Education Act Section 16, 20, 42, 43, 44, 52, 53,

[*Home Education Regulation 89/2019*](#)

[*Home Education Handbook*](#)

Cross Reference

[*Board Policy 12 – Appeals Regarding Student Matters*](#)