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## **POLICY HGBG – Home Education**

**Note: This policy is being reviewed to reflect the Education Act**

**The Board accepts the responsibility to facilitate, monitor and evaluate the progress of students on home schooling, recognizing that not all students' needs may be met in a classroom environment.**

### **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for Peace Wapiti School Division's Home Education program.

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. A parent who wishes to provide home education shall be familiar with the current *Home Education Regulations* (available from the Board office) which outline the Alberta Education requirements for Home Education programs.
2. A parent who wishes to provide a home education program for a student during a school year must notify the Supervising Associate Boards using the *Home Education Regulation* A.R. 145/2006 Notification Form.
3. The proposed home education program offered by a parent must comply with *Home Education Regulations* 3(4), 3(5) and 3(6).
4. Each student enrolled in a home education program is expected to write the Alberta Achievement Tests for grades 3, 6 and 9 or any provincially mandated tests, at the equivalent grade level.
5. If a board terminates a home education program of a student as outlined in section 8(1) of the *Home Education Regulation*, the notice must:
  - a) be in writing,
  - b) contain reasons for the termination, and
  - c) inform the parent of the parent's right under section 123 of the Act to ask the Minister to review the decision to terminate the home education program.
6. If a board terminates (as in #5 above) it must provide a program, as outlined in 8.6(a) and 8.6(b) of the *Home Education Regulation*.
7. Assistance will be provided by the Superintendent or designate to parents to assure the home education program complies with the Alberta Goals of Education and Schooling.
8. **Registration:**

Each student enrolled in home education shall be registered as a student for whom the Board shall claim all applicable education grants.

Peace Wapiti School Division students who make mid-year requests for home education or return to school from home education shall be considered to be transfers from another school. Information on the student's progress should be

provided on regular transfer update forms to facilitate placement on Alberta Distance Learning or in school-based programs by the appropriate School Administrator. Students attending school may qualify for Blended Program funding.

A student on a home education program may attend any courses or programs at his/her home school and shall have access to the school library, science laboratories and other facilities selected to complement the home education program as arranged through the School Administrator.

9. **Monitoring:**

The Superintendent shall assign a teacher to supervise and assess the program. Home education students will be listed on the local school register and that school will be determined to be the “home school”.

The home education supervisor shall actively monitor each student enrolled in a home education program to ensure the quality of the home education program and to ensure that the student’s education program will enable the student to enroll in the regular school program at some later date, if the parent chooses, with minimal disruption to the student’s educational progress. A minimum of two evaluations shall be scheduled during the course of each school year.

The monitoring of a home education program that does not follow the Alberta Education Program of Study shall include the Schedule: *Learning Outcomes for Students Receiving Home Education Programs that Do Not Follow the Alberta Programs of Study.*” *Alberta Regulation 145/2006*

10. **Student Achievement**

Each home schooling student is given the opportunity to write all standardized tests and is expected to write Provincial Achievement Tests at the local school to assist with possible grade placement and course credits in the future.

The home schooling supervisor shall forward the results of the student’s achievement to parents as soon as results are known, and shall include comments related to the student’s performance in relation to his/her ability, to other Division students of the same age or grade placement, and to test and/or provincial standards.

Recommendations and suggestions for teaching strategies, material selection, and use of school resources and facilities may be provided to the parent for areas of poor achievement or unsatisfactory progress as related to the student’s ability. Diagnostic testing may be administered by the approved personnel as deemed necessary, upon agreement of all parties.

A student who is formally registered to receive instruction in a diploma exam course in an Alberta high school is eligible to write the diploma examination at that school. Students registered in ADLC courses are eligible. Before course credit can be awarded, a student must write the diploma exam.

A student who has a previously awarded school mark for the course may write the diploma exam.

A student must apply for a course challenge through the School Administrator of his/her home high school. For diploma exam courses, this applies only to the school awarded mark component. A high school student who successfully completes a course challenge must still write the diploma exam to be eligible for a final course mark and credit in that course.

**11. High School Credits:**

Under Section 6 of the *Home Schooling Regulation*, on the recommendation of a School Administrator, a student receiving a home education program that follows the Alberta Programs of Study I is eligible to receive high school credits if the student achieves the course standards and outcomes prescribed by the Ministers.

For home schooling students not on the Alberta Program of Studies, the School Administrator may set the standard required to show that they possess pre-requisite knowledge skills and attributes by having the student complete the school-based final exam for that subject.

**12. Funding Support:**

Funding will be provided as outlined in Section 7 of the *Home Education Regulation*.

Textbooks necessary for the completion of Alberta Distance Learning Centre courses that are currently in use in the local school shall be provided without charge to the home-schooling students by the local school. Textbooks not currently in use in the local school shall be borrowed from other schools or jurisdictions or shall be purchased or rented for use by the home-schooling student without charge to the parent.

Parents of home-schooling students who attend school for part of their program will be responsible for any supply fees or textbook rentals for those courses completed at the school.

**REFERENCES**

**Cross References:** links to

[Learning Outcomes for Students Receiving Home Education Programs That Do Not Follow the Alberta Programs of Study.](#)

[IFA\\_AppealsConcerningStudentMatters.pdf](#)

[Alternate Education Procedures for Parents](#)

**Legal Reference:**

[School Act](#) RSA 2000 Section 13, 29, 39, 45, 60, 124

[Alberta Regulation 145/2006 Home Education Regulation](#)

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