



Home Education in Alberta Rights and Responsibilities

Traditional Parent-Directed Homeschooling:

- You have the responsibility to file an education plan with your supervising school board.
- You have the right to use any educational philosophy that you desire to use- classical, eclectic, unschooling, or Alberta Program of Studies.
- You have to provide the child and a writing sample to your supervising school board for 2 visits a year – to plan in the Fall and to assess in the Spring.
- You have the right to refuse your child to write the PATs, SLAs or CTBS. A portfolio is sufficient for assessment.
- You have the right to insist that the supervisor comes to your place of home education.
- You have the right to insist that the supervising board fills out all assessment forms.
- You have the right to insist that the supervising board only gives one of two assessments on a parent-directed program from grades 1-9. Either the child has met the outcomes in the *Schedule of Outcomes for Home Educators not following the Alberta Program of Studies*, or the child has not. No other marks, letter grading, or assessments may be given.
- You have the right to give your child a mark in subjects from grades 1 – 9. In grades 10-12, where the school board is reporting marks and credits, the supervising school board has the final say if the parent given mark is substantiated based on submitted course work.
- Students have the responsibility to write the grade 12 diploma exams if they want credit in core grade 12 subjects.
- You have the right to be reimbursed on presentation of receipts, half the home education funding given to the school board by the Alberta Government.
- You have the right to switch from traditional to blended or back, as you see fit at your local designated school authority.
- You have the right to request a different facilitator through-out the year.
- You have the right to change school boards every year.

Blended/Shared Responsibility Program:

- You have the right to exercise all the above traditional rights on **the parent directed portion only** of the blended program.
- The school board has the right and responsibility to teach, (deliver and instruct) and evaluate (give marks and credits) their school directed portion of the blended program based on the outcomes of *The Alberta Program of Studies*.
- The school board has no responsibility to share any of the school portion of the blended funding they receive from the Alberta Government with the parent. In fact, it is a violation of the directive of the Deputy Minister if they do. The school board must share half the funding they receive for the parent-directed traditional portion of the blended program.

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