

**Alberta Education PARENT AND SCHOOL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**of 3 Program Choices**

Rights and Responsibilities	Traditional  Home Education     Parent-Directed	Blended (now called Shared Responsibility)  50% maximum Parent 50% minimum School  Blend can be 20/80% either way in high school	School (Distance or online education)  Also called "aligned," or "teacher-directed," online, correspondence, or distance education.  School-Directed
PASI Coding	600	610 - Shared  611 - Parent part  612 - School part	620 - Online, teacher-directed or correspondence
Who plans lessons?	Parent	Parent on their portion. School follows Alberta Program of Studies resources on their portion.	School
Who chooses resources?	Parent can choose unschooling or anything they wish. Resources do not have to be government approved.	Parent on their portion. School follows Alberta Program of Studies resources on their portion.	School
Who teaches the content?	Parent (in parent-directed teaching) or child (in self-directed learning)	Parent on their portion. School follows Alberta Program of Studies resources on their portion.	The online course, correspondence course or school teacher must teach the student. There has to be demonstrated proof of significant pedagogical interaction between teacher and student (ie proof of instruction), that occurs every week of the school year. Just like a physical building school,

			parents are not expected to teach.
Supervision?	2 visits per year	2 visits per year	The student must attend the class, whether online or in a physical class, a certain number of instructional hours every year. Parents may meet the teacher through parent-teacher interviews.
Who gives marks?	Parents. If child is seeking high school marks and credits (credits begin in grade 10) the school authority will give the student the final mark based on APS work presented. (Sec 6 of Home Ed Regs)	Parent gives marks on their portion. School gives marks on their portion.	School (teacher). Parents are not certified teachers employed by the government and do not give marks. Report cards are given out with no parent input as teacher assesses the student.
Who is responsible for proof of learning/teaching to Alberta Education?	Parent.	Parent on their portion. School on their portion.	School.
Who is responsible to Alberta Education if the child is not learning?	Parent. If the child doesn't want to do the work, the parent is responsible to the government for the education plan.	Parent on their portion. School on their portion.	School. If the child doesn't want to do the work, the parent is not responsible. The instruction is between the teacher and child, not the parent and child.
My child needs extra tutor help. Can the board charge me for extra classes and teacher instruction?	Yes. You are responsible for providing your child with an education. You can pick and choose where you purchase it.	Yes, on your part of the blend.  No, on the school's part of the blend.	No. The board receives funding for teaching and can't double dip from the government and the parents.
The program must follow whose rules?	Home Education Regulations	Home Ed Regs on the parent's portion.	School Act

	under the School Act	The School Act on the school's portion.	
Who decides which program I choose?	Parent.	Parent.	Parent. The school may request the parent switches to Home Education, but has no right to enforce it, especially when they received instructional grant funding for the teaching requirement of the blended program, "aligned," "teacher-directed" program or distance education.
Can the school refuse me for the next school year?	Yes. All schools except public school boards have the ability to refuse students.	Yes. All schools except public school boards have the ability to refuse students.	Yes. All schools except public school boards have the ability to refuse students.
The education goals followed are?	Schedule of Learning Outcomes (SOLO) for Students Receiving Home Education Programs That Do Not Follow the Alberta Program of Studies	SOLO for parent portion.  Alberta Program of Studies (APS) for school portion.	Grade by grade Alberta Program of Studies (APS) Outcomes
The funding a school authority gets for this program?	\$1670.70 but 50% must be shared with parent.	A portion of the \$1670 according to the home ed percent of the blend, plus a portion of the Instructional Grant for the School portion of the blend.	\$ 5000.00 - \$11,000.00 depending on whether public board or private school. Online and teacher-directed is funded the same instructional grant funding as a physical student.
The funding a parent gets is?	\$835.40 or half the amount that the government gives to the school board as per Home Education Reg 7(2)	\$411 if a 50% blend. Less funding if parent portion of blend is less.	None. Parents are not entitled to any funding or benefits (direct or indirect) as the school is receiving thousands of dollars per student of "instructional grant" funding to pay for teachers to teach the

			content. Schools may charge school fees and textbook rental fees and extras. Alberta Education directed all schools to cease giving parents funding on school programs as of May 26, 2016, or they are in violation of the regulations.
Which program has highest parental control?	The parent has the ultimate authority and responsibility for the child's education.	The parent has control over up to 50% of the subjects or whatever their share of the blend is.	The parent has no control over content, pace, assessment, resources or methods. Parents may choose to sign up or not.

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