

HOME-BASED EDUCATION

Background

The Division recognizes the legal right of parents to educate their children at home, subject to the provisions of the Education Act.

Procedures

1. The Director or designate must comply with provincial regulations for home-based education.
2. The Director or designate may conduct orientation meetings with home-based educators to assist them with informed decision making about home-based and school-based education.
3. The Director or designate may, if requested by the home-based educator, provide materials, information, equipment, standardized/specialized assessment services, and access to facilities and selected curricular programs for the purpose of enhancing home-based education programs.
 - 3.1 Home-based education will be provided to a student who has attained the age of six years but has not attained the age of 18 years.
 - 3.2 The Division will provide home-based educators with access to textbooks as available. A refundable caution fee may be requested.
 - 3.3 The Division will provide home-based educators with access to common educational resources, such as libraries provided that they do not interfere with the regular program.
 - 3.4 The Division will enable home-based educators to enroll in distance learning programs (those offered outside of the Good Spirit School Division) on the same criteria as regular GSSD students. Home Based Educators will be reimbursed for the cost of one course taken per student per school year. For each course, a bond of \$100.00 must be supplied by the student prior to enrolling in the course. Upon receiving a passing grade, the \$100.00 bond will be reimbursed.
 - 3.5 Home based education students may enroll in GSSD Distributed Learning courses at no additional cost.
 - 3.6 The Division will provide home-based educators with access to Driver Education.
 - 3.7 Home-based educators will be provided with a programming allowance of \$300.00 per student upon application that includes supporting documentation (Notice of Intent and an Educational Plan)) and is submitted no later than September 25th to the Director or designate.

- 3.8 Upon request of the home based educator, the Division will provide any norm referenced &/or standardized assessment services to home based students that are provided to other students attending GSSD Schools. The norm referenced &/or standardized assessment shall occur at a location that is chosen by the division employed Professional Services Provider and is acceptable to the Board of Education. The location must meet the standards for the administration of the assessment.
- 3.9 Upon request of the home based educator, the Division will provide interpretation of the norm referenced &/or specialized assessment and suggestions for instruction. The interpretation shall occur at a location that is chosen by the-division employed Professional Service Provider and is acceptable to the Board of Education.
- 3.10 Upon request of the home based educator, the Division may consider providing direct therapeutic services by a division employed Professional Service Provider in the event that such services had been provided to the home-based student within the Good Spirit School Division by a division employed Professional Service Provider. The direct therapy services shall occur at a location that is chosen by the division employed Professional Service Provider and is acceptable to the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 157 Education Act
Home-Based Program Regulations 17, 18.

Cross Reference: Administrative Procedure 240

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