



AP 250 – HOME-BASED EDUCATION

BACKGROUND

Saskatoon Public Schools recognizes the legal right of parents to educate their children at home, subject to the provisions of the *Education Act*.

PROCEDURES

1. Home-based education program means an education program:
 - 1.1. that is provided to a student who has attained the age of six years but has not attained the age of 18 years;
 - 1.2. that is started at the initiative of and is under the direction of the parent or guardian of the student;
 - 1.3. in which the student is receiving instruction at and from the home of the student.
2. The home-based education teacher shall invite home-based educators to an initial meeting to discuss matters relating to the home-based educational program including annual progress reports and the services and resources provided by the division.
3. The home-based education teacher will:
 - 3.1. monitor home-based education programs;
 - 3.2. provide educational consultation to home-based educators;
 - 3.3. assess progress on educational plans; and
 - 3.4. develop remedial instruction plans in collaboration with home-based educators.
4. One standardized test per school year shall be provided for a home-based learner if it is requested by the home-based educator (parent).
5. The home-based education teacher may, if requested by the home-based educator, provide materials, information, equipment and access to facilities and selected curricular programs for the purpose of enhancing home-based education programs. When a school has raised funds for an out-of-class activity, the home-based student shall pay the full cost of the school activity on a pro-rata basis. Fees required as part of an elective course shall be paid to the school by the home-based educator.
 - 5.1. Home-based educators can apply for student reimbursement for expenses as stipulated by Board motion. Such expenses are related to the purchase of educational resources and/or supports, the reimbursement is issued in January of each year.
 - 5.2. The division will provide home-based educators with access to textbooks available in the Textbook Centre.
 - 5.3. The division will provide home-based educators with access to common educational resources, such as libraries.
 - 5.4. The division will provide home-based educators with access to individual elective courses: languages, band, music, practical and applied arts, etc.



- 5.5. The division will provide home-based educators with access to education and training in the operation of motor vehicles.
- 5.6. The division will provide home-based educators with access to guidance and counselling services, upon request. Such access shall be made through the principal at their neighbourhood school.
- 5.7. The division will provide registered home-based students with access to participation in extra-curricular, cultural, and athletic programs in the school/collegiate in their neighborhood subject to available space and resources. Arrangement for such participation shall be made through and approved by the principal. Home-based students involved in these programs will abide by the expectations and regulations of the school and will be assessed any fees associated with these programs.
- 5.8. The division will provide home-based educators with access to the use of school facilities for meetings with other home-based educators. Arrangements for such meetings shall be made through the Principal.
- 5.9. The director or designate may assign special education staff to provide a special needs assessment as required by provincial regulations.
6. Home-based education programs will be registered by the home-based education teacher if they are in accordance with the *Education Act* and Regulations.
7. Decisions regarding the access of home-based students to individual elective courses and guidance and counselling services shall be made by the principal. Requests for such access shall originate with the home-based education teacher.
8. Disagreements relating to home-based education programs shall be resolved in accordance with Regulations 17 and 18 of the Home-Based Education Program Regulations.

Reference: Section 2, 4(p)(q)(r), 157(1)(c), 370 (j)(k)(l)(m)(n), Education Act
Home-Based Education Program Regulations
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