**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 once each 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 be assessed 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 pay the registration cost and tuition fees associated with enrolment in educational programs provided by the Saskatchewan Correspondence School.
5.5. The Division will provide home-based educators with access to individual elective courses: Core French, Band, Industrial Arts and Home Economics.

5.6. The Division will provide home-based educators with access to education and training in the operation of motor vehicles.

5.7. The Division will provide home-based educators with access to guidance and counselling services, upon request. Such access shall be made through the Principal.

5.8. The Division will provide registered home-based students with access to participation in extracurricular, 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.

5.9. The Division will provide home-based educators with access to the use of school gymnasiums for athletic tournaments.

5.10. 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.

5.11. 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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