

The South Slave Divisional Education Council has a mandate to provide children of school age in the South Slave Division with the best education possible within its resource limitations. Home schooling allows parents to be their child's primary educator. They are responsible for managing, delivering and supervising their child's courses/programs of study.

In the interests of serving the educational needs of all students, the South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC) is committed to working together with parent(s)/guardian(s) who home school their children.

A child is permitted to receive an education at home or elsewhere under the jurisdiction of the District Education Authority and administered according to the Home Schooling Regulations under the Education Act.

Home schooled children from the age of six to sixteen years must be registered in their community school on or before September 15 in each school year.

REGULATIONS

The SSDEC undertakes to ensure that its schools provide educational program assistance through the school principal, or designate, and provides financial reimbursement to parent(s)/guardian(s) choosing to educate their children at home, according to the regulations under the Education Act and the following guidelines:

1. The Learning Plan

Once a learning plan is approved by the principal or designate, the parent or guardian then takes on the responsibility of teaching their children for that semester or year as agreed. Home schooling parents do not typically have access to a teacher at the school to provide support.

2. Reimbursement

Supplemental funding to cover costs related to the child's programming is available through reimbursement. The school, in which the home school student registers, will receive 0.5 full time equivalent (FTE) allocations by Department funding formula. The school/DEA will administer the funds and reimburse parent(s)/guardian(s) of home-schooling students for prorated program costs up to a maximum of 25 percent of the variable FTE amount that the DEA receives annually for educating each student in the jurisdiction. Home schooling parents will be reimbursed semi-annually upon presentation of valid receipts for educational program costs incurred during the current school year. There shall be no carry-over of funds from one school year to the next. Home schooling students must receive a minimum of 51% of their education outside of the school system to be deemed eligible for reimbursement.

3. Program Costs

Program costs are associated with materials that may be required to meet the goals, activities, instructional and evaluation methods outlined in the learning plan, and may include instructional materials, curriculum/programs, and admission costs to facilities, educational communication costs, academic and psychological assessment and other education-related costs, including educational software costs.

4. Use of Facilities

Access to school facilities, programs, texts and materials may be provided to home schooled students at a fee and at the discretion of the principal.

5. Assessment

The SSDEC recognizes that parent(s)/guardian(s) have the primary responsibility for the provision of the home schooling program and that parent(s)/guardian(s) have the responsibility to ensure the home schooling program fulfils the curriculum standards set by the Minister of Education for the education program. Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall provide to the principal or designate, twice during the year, a sampling of assessment that shows the progress being made by the student; and meet with the principal/designate twice during the school year to discuss the child's progress.

The SSDEC recognizes that the monitoring of student progress is simply to ensure that the child is indeed being provided with an educational program and is continuing to make progress. It is the principal's/ designate's responsibility to discuss with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the home-schooled student of the method of assessment that is consistent with the home schooling program. The Superintendent may request at any time from the principal, a progress report of any home-schooled student. The principal will permit home schooled students to participate in any achievement tests administered at the school and to provide a copy of the result to the parent(s)/guardian(s) delivering the home-schooling program.

6. Termination of a Home-Schooling Program

Parent(s)/guardian(s) may terminate a home-schooling program at any time during a school year by notifying the school principal/designate. Senior high school students may be limited to re-admittance to the regular school program at semester break.

Reference: *Education Act*, Section 20, Home Schooling Regulations,
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