

Administrative Procedure 270 – Appendix

Appendix - PARENT DIRECTED FUNDING PROCESS

Section 23 of the School Act, Home Education Regulation 145/2006, recognizes and reaffirms the parents' right to provide a Parent Directed Education for their child within the parameters of provincial policy, regulation and procedures. Parent Directed must be based either on a program that is prescribed, authorized, or approved by the Minister of Education under Section 25(1)(a), (b), or (d) of the School Act, or on a program designed by the parent, that is consistent with the student learning outcomes listed in the Schedule of Home Education Regulations.

Students are required to write grade 3, 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests/Student Learning Assessments or an "alternative evaluation that reflects standards similar to the Provincial Achievement Tests and that meets the student learning outcomes prescribed in the Schedule of the Home Education Regulations". Permission for alternative testing will only be granted where the student's program was not prescribed, authorized and approved (that is, did not follow the Alberta Curriculum for that grade level).

A written report of the progress of the student is compiled, signed by the Learning Services Coordinator – Home Based and filed in the student's cum record. A written report is created after a Home Visit in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

Funding for Parent Directed students is set by Alberta Education. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding is available to each Parent Directed student as reimbursement for the purchase of resources to support the chosen program of study, upon submission of receipts, according to the following conditions:

- Original receipts.
- Funding will be calculated as a family total, balancing per student program costs.
- Personal remuneration, travel costs or other expenses usually required to be paid by the parent of a student enrolled in school are excluded from reimbursement.
- All non-consumable supplies are the property of the Division and must be returned when they are no longer required for the program, or when the student ceases to be registered with the Division.
- The cost of replacing non-consumable supplies that are not returned will be invoiced back to that family.
- If Alberta Distance Learning Centre material is chosen, the fifty percent (50%) portion of funding grant available to each Parent Directed student will be used firstly to pay for these materials.
- Funding may be reimbursed on a prorated basis. All requests for reimbursement must be received prior to May 30 of that school year. Money will not be carried forward to the next school year.
- Reimbursements are made only for costs to the parent for programs of study or instructional materials.

Students who are less than twenty (20) years of age as of September 1 qualify for funding.

There is no additional funding for Special Needs students.

A student may register in a blended program in which the in-school program is at least fifty percent (50%) of the student's program in grades 1 to 9 and at least twenty percent (20%) of the student's program in grades 10-12 as per Funding Manual for School Authorities.

A non-blended Parent Directed student may only participate in school and extra-curricular activities at the discretionary approval by that school's Principal.

Parents/guardians and/or school administrators who want more information on Parent Directed may contact the Learning Services Coordinator – Home Based.

Reference: Section 23, 25, School Act
Schedule of Home Education Regulations