

PRINCE ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 6

POLICY ITEM: Home-Based Education	CODE: IDG
LEGAL STATUS: The Education Act (1995)157, Home-Based Education Program Regulation, 2015, Board Motion #234.06, #201.16, #163.20	DATE APPROVED: 23 Oct 06, 27 Jun 16, 17 Aug 20

Background: The Board of Education believes that the optimum education of students takes place in the regular school setting. It does however, recognize the option that students and their parents have with regards to alternative educational arrangements as provided by Home-Based Education. Program Regulations and the Ministry of Education's manual, Saskatchewan Home-Based Education: Policy and Procedures Manual 2016-2017.

POLICY: **The Director of Education or designate will exercise discretion whether to approve a resident/non-resident parent(s)' or guardian (s)' request to have access to a Home-Based Education or Online Learning program. If approved, these programs will be delivered according to The Education Act, its Regulations and the Ministry's manual and the guidelines, procedures and regulations approved by the Board of Education.**

Home-Based Education Guidelines: Parents, guardians and caregivers who choose to homeschool their child(ren) are responsible for choosing and personally directing the program and must make sure that the program is age and ability appropriate for their child. As a home-based student, programming is not provided through the Prince Albert Catholic Separate School Division. The registration of a home-based education program does not award eligibility of the home-based learner for secondary level credits or secondary level standing which are vital for post-secondary education.

1. Applications for Home-Based Education should be forwarded to the Director or designate by August 15 of the forthcoming school year. Applications will be considered for students between the ages of 6 to 17 years.
2. Parents shall submit their written educational plan for each student with their notification of Home-Based Education application form. This plan contains a description of the:
 - a) Philosophical approach and reason for home-based education programs;
 - b) Education activities, instruction methods and learning resources which the parents will use in the coming school year;
 - c) Means of assessing and recording the educational progress of each student; and
 - d) Areas of study and learning outcomes for each student for the coming school year.

3. Online courses will not be offered to home-based student(s) through the Prince Albert Catholic Separate School Division.
4. The school division will maintain a permanent record of each home-based student.
5. The school division will exercise the right and responsibility to monitor progress.
6. The school division will be available for consultation and student assessments when required.
7. The Director or designate will ensure appropriate support services and resources are made available to the family when required.
8. Parents will be informed that they are taking full responsibility for their child's education and of the responsibilities that come with this educational option.
9. The school division shall determine the appropriate grade level when and if a student returns to a regular school placement.
10. Parents may annually submit a request to the Director or designate for reimbursement of up to \$500.00 per legal school-aged student who is being home-schooled.
11. Parents that have registered their child(ren) as a home-based student(s) are responsible for any costs incurred with registration/tuition/materials for online learning courses.

**Home-Based Student
Access to School
Programs:**

1. Home-based students will be assigned to schools according to the attendance area as if they were enrolled as full-time students. Parents are encouraged to contact the assigned school in order to receive the school's newsletter.
2. Parents wishing to enroll a home-based student in Driver Education should request that service during the registration process of the school year in which the student is eligible.
3. Parents may request copies of student textbooks for loan from their assigned school.
4. The Division does not offer home-based students with:
 - a) opportunities to participate in cultural and athletic activities, youth travel, outdoor education or similar activities
 - b) participation in programs of athletic and amateur sports
 - c) guidance and counseling services pursuant to section 191 of the Act.