



REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: HOME SCHOOLING

When parents/guardians choose to have their child(ren) of compulsory school age withdrawn from school to be home schooled,

1. Parents/guardians should:
 - a. provide written notification to the school principal or Director of Education, in whose jurisdiction their child(ren) last attended school, of their intent to provide home schooling for their child(ren) prior to September 1st each year
 - b. provide the name, and date of birth of each child who is receiving home schooling
 - c. provide the telephone number and address of the current home and notify the school board of any change of address
 - d. have a plan for educating the child(ren)
 - e. provide literacy and numeracy instruction that is at a developmentally appropriate level
 - f. have a plan for assessing the child(ren)'s achievement

2. Parents/guardians providing home schooling may wish for their child(ren) to participate in assessments administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Offices (EQAO) for Grades 3, 6 and 9 and/or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). If they choose to have their child(ren) participate, they must:
 - a. provide written notification by September 30th of each school year to the Superintendent responsible or designate of their intention to have their child(ren) participate in the EQAO assessments /tests in Grades 3,6, 9 and/or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) – normally administered to students in their grade 10 year.
 - b. provide transportation to their child/children to and from the school where the EQAO assessment /test is being administered.

3. The Board shall:
 - a. accept the written notification of the parents/guardians each year as evidence that the parents are providing instruction at home.
 - b. send a letter each year to the parent/guardians, acknowledging the notification and informing the parent/guardians that:
 - i. they may visit the designated school within the LKDSB for consultation,
 - ii. the child may participate in the EQAO assessments in Grades 3, 6, and 9 and/or in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (normally given to students in Grade 10),
 - iii. the child will not be allowed to participate or attend classes on a part-time basis,
 - iv. a student enrolled in any e-learning course(s) offered by the board or in partnership with the board is not considered home schooling,
 - v. secondary school credits cannot be granted to students who are on home schooling.

4. The principal shall withdraw the student from the school register once the parent/guardian's Notice of Intent to Provide Home Schooling has been received.

5. When a parent/guardian decides to enroll a child(ren) in the regular school program after a child has been on home schooling, the child shall be placed in an age-appropriate grade in the regular day school program.

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