

HOME EDUCATION

PREAMBLE

The School Act recognizes and supports the principle of home education as one alternative to public education in British Columbia. Under the School Act, a parent or legal guardian who elects to provide home education is required to register the child at a school in the district, a recognized distance education school or an independent school by September 30 in each year.

POLICY

THE BURNABY BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DULY REGISTERED AT A BURNABY SCHOOL AS ENGAGED IN A HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

OBJECTIVE

1. Parents and legal guardians have a duty under the School Act to ensure that all school-aged children are registered and actively taking part in an authorized educational program.
2. Parents or legal guardians who elect to provide home education have a responsibility to ensure that children are provided with a healthy environment necessary for learning.
3. School districts are required to ensure that education services will be provided for a child pursuing an education program at home under the guidance of a parent or legal guardian if requested to do so.

REGULATIONS

1. A parent/guardian providing an education program at home for their child must register the child with a school in the District at the appropriate level by September 30 in each year.
2. The principal of the school shall register the child and report the child as registered for home education on the appropriate forms.

3. If requested by the parent or legal guardian, the district shall provide:
 - a. evaluation and assessment services sufficient to enable the parent/guardian to determine the educational progress achieved by the child in relation to students of similar age and ability;
 - b. the loan of educational resource materials that are authorized or recommended by the Ministry of Education
 - i. which in the Board's opinion are sufficient to enable the child to pursue their education program, and;
 - ii. which will be offered to the child on a similar basis to the offer of such education resource materials to other students.
4. If the parent or legal guardian wishes to have the child attend any education program offered in the District, then the parent or legal guardian must make application in writing to the Board through Learning Support Services.
5. The Board may permit attendance in an education program subject to any terms and conditions it establishes, including the payment of any fee or recovery of any costs associated with taking part in an optional educational enhancement activity.

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Cross References:
Statutory: *School Act 12, 13; Reg. 3*
Other: