

Home Schooling Policy

Policy Overview

Under the *Education Act*, parents may provide a home education program for their child(ren) centered in their home. This policy outlines the intent of the Halifax Regional School Board to support students who are home schooled as described in the *Education Act*.

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- Policy approved –January 26, 1999
- Policy revised – March 25, 2015
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1.0 Legislative Context

- 1.1 *Nova Scotia Education Act*

2.0 Principles

- 2.1 The Halifax Regional School Board wishes to co-operate with parent/guardians in the delivery of Home Education programs to children resident in the region to the extent possible in the child's neighbourhood school.

3.0 Authorization

- 3.1 The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement procedures in support of this policy.

4.0 Policy Review

4.1 This policy will be reviewed every five (5) years or on an as needed basis.

Home Schooling Procedures

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1.0 Responsibilities

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- 1.1 Requests from parents/guardians for co-operation in the delivery of a Home Education Program for a child resident in the region should be directed to the principal of the child's neighbourhood school.
- 1.2 The principal will seek written confirmation (copy of Registration Form for Home Schooling signed by the Regional Education Officer) that the child is registered for the current academic year with the Minister of Education.
- 1.3 The response to the parent/guardian's request will be at the discretion of the school principal, in the context of the requirements for the general operation of the school. The student is governed by the same rules, regulations, and privileges as other students while on the school grounds unless otherwise indicated in the agreement.
- 1.4 A written description of the portion of the program being offered at the neighbourhood school, together with the agreed upon responsibilities of both the parent/guardian and the school, should be provided to the parent, with a copy to the Director of Program by September 30 each year.
- 1.5 If the school is co-operating in the delivery of the Home Education program, the Home Education student is to be reported through School Administration on the September 30 Statistical Report from the school.