

PURPOSE

This funding assists **parents** to help their **children** meet the learner expectations through education in the home.

CONDITIONS

1. Funding may be provided to the supervising board for **home education students** the board has agreed to supervise and provide with learning resources.
2. Additional funding may be provided to the supervising board for **home education students** in grades 7 to 12 enrolled in the Alberta Program of Studies through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) or through Distance Education Consortia operated by **supervising boards** in courses to a maximum of 50 per cent of the cost of the registration fees and the compulsory learning materials for these courses. The cost of ADLC courses funded by Alberta Learning for a **home education student** in a school year will not exceed the home education funding rate.
3. Additional funding may be provided to the supervising **board** for home ed students in grades 1 to 6 taking a full course load of ADLC courses where the total compulsory course costs exceed the 50 percent funding provided by the supervising board to the home ed parents.
4. Students enrolled in grades 1 to 9 and participating in a **blended program** and accessing 50 per cent or more of their education program at **school** may be claimed as **funded students** by the **supervising board**. However, the funding per student will be pro-rated on the percentage of the student's program which is taken at **school** and the percentage of the student's program taken at home.
5. Students enrolled in grades 10 to 12 and participating in a **blended program** and accessing 20 per cent or more of their education program at **school** may be claimed as enrolled students by the **supervising board**. However, the funding per student will be pro-rated on the percentage of the student's program which is taken at **school** and the percentage of the student's program taken at home.
6. In accordance with Section 8 of the Home Education Regulation, a **supervising board** shall provide to a **parent** of a student enrolled in a **blended program** an amount of money using the home education rate which is in proportion to the percentage of the program or courses provided by the **parent**.
7. When a student moves from one supervising board to another after September 30, and the receiving supervising board agrees to purchase learning resources from the Alberta Distance Learning Centre or Distance Education Consortia, Alberta Learning will pay for 50 per cent of the course costs to a maximum of the home education funding rate for the combined ADLC purchases of both supervising boards.

NEW

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Parents** are responsible for informing their **supervising board** of their decision to provide a home education program for their **children**. This is done by submitting all parts of the Home Education Regulation Notification Form No. 2 to the supervising board. Form 2 is available from the Alberta Learning website.
2. **Home education students** and their **parents** must live in Alberta on September 30 of the current school year.
3. **Home education students** must receive at least two assessments in each school year by the **school board**.
4. A supervising board must offer annually not less than 50 per cent of basic funding for home education to the **parents** of **home education students** for the purchase of programs of study and instructional materials.

NEW For elementary home ed students (grades 1 to 6) taking a full course load of ADLC courses, if the total compulsory course costs (net of any applicable refundable deposit) exceeds the 50 per cent funding provided by the supervising **board** to the home ed **parents**, the difference will be covered by additional funding provided by Alberta Learning. This funding may be claimed by submitting a completed form 01AL1.A.13b.

5. Home education funding is based on:
 - a) Student registration information in grades 1 to 12 as of September 30 that is reported to the Learning Information Exchange Services by October 4; and
 - b) Report of ADLC courses for **home education students** on form 01AL1.A.13a.
 - NEW** c) Report of additional ADLC course costs for grades 1 to 6 on form 01AL1.A.13b

6. Home education funding for a supervising board is calculated by:
 - a) multiplying the number of **home education students** in grades 1 to 12 on the September 30 **count date** by the home education rate; and
 - b) adding 50 per cent of compulsory ADLC course costs for students enrolled in grades 7 to 12, as paid for by the supervising board, not exceeding the home education funding rate.
 - NEW** c) adding the compulsory course costs for home ed students in grades 1 to 6 which exceed the 50 per cent funding provided by the supervising **board** to home education **parents**.

REQUIREMENTS (CONTD.)

7. A **Blended program** consists of a school provided portion and a home education portion. Funding for a supervising board for each student enrolled in a **blended program** on the September 30 **count date** is the sum of the calculations in (a) and (b) as follows:
- a) Multiplying the percentage of each student's program in which the student is enrolled in a school provided portion of the education program of the supervising board by the basic instruction funding rate for supervising boards, and
- b) Multiplying the percentage of each student's program in which the student is enrolled in courses as a **home education student** by the home education rate including 50 per cent of the ADLC course costs to the pro-rated portion of the maximum.

Example:

A student in a home education program 40 per cent of the time and a regular program 60 per cent of the time would be funded as follows:

Home education rate	0.40	X	\$1088	=	\$435.20
Plus course costs to a maximum of 40 per cent of home education rate	0.40	X	\$1088	=	\$435.20
Regular rate	0.60	X	\$4239	=	<u>\$2543.40</u>
Total					\$3413.80

CONSIDERATIONS

1. **School jurisdictions** should have home education policies in place that indicate which programs of study and instructional materials will be considered for reimbursement.

REFERENCES

Home Education Policy 1.1.2

Home Education Regulation 126/99

