

ALLOCATION FORMULA

1. Home Education:

$$\text{Home Education Allocation} = \text{Number of Home Education students Gr. 1-12} \times \text{Home Education Rate}$$

PLUS,

- a) 50 percent of the compulsory Alberta Distance Learning (ADL) course costs for **home education students** enrolled in Grades 7 to 12, as paid for by the **supervising board**, not exceeding the home education funding rate; and
- b) the compulsory ADL course costs for **home education students** in Grades 1 to 6 taking a full course load of ADL courses which exceed the 50 percent funding provided by the **supervising board** to home education **parents**. (Refer to Form 05AE1.4b).

2. Blended Program (as defined in the Glossary of Terms):

$$\text{Blended Program Allocation for each Funded Student} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Percentage of School provided Program} \\ \times \\ \text{Base Instruction Rate} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Percentage of the Home Education Program} \\ \times \\ \text{Home Education Rate} \end{array} \right\}$$

PLUS,

The lesser of:

- a) 50% of the compulsory ADL course costs; and
- b) the result of $\text{Percentage of the Home Education Program} \times \text{Home Education Rate}$

The total funding for a **blended program** is the sum of all the amounts determined for each of the **funded students** in **blended programs**.

See ADDITIONAL INFORMATION in this section for calculation examples of the Blended Program allocation.

ALLOCATION CRITERIA

1. Funding may be provided to the **supervising board** for **home education students** the **board** has agreed to supervise and provide with education resources. The education programs for these students must be consistent with the student learning outcomes described in the Alberta Programs of Study or stated in the schedule attached to the *Home Education Regulation*.
2. Additional funding may be provided to the **supervising board** for **home education students** in Grades 7 to 12 enrolled in the Alberta Education Program of Studies through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) or through Distance Education Consortia operated by **supervising boards** in courses to maximum of 50 percent of the cost of the registration fees and the compulsory learning materials for these courses. The cost of Alberta Distance Learning (ADL) courses funded by Alberta Education for a **home education student** in a school year will not exceed the home education funding rate. This funding may be claimed on Form 05AE1.4a.
3. Additional funding may be provided to the **supervising board** for **home education students** in Grades 1 to 6 taking a full course load of ADL courses where the total compulsory course costs (net of any refundable deposit) exceed the 50 percent funding provided by the **supervising board** to the home education **parents**. This funding may be claimed on Form 05AE1.4b.
4. Students enrolled in Grades 1 to 9 who are participating in a **blended program** and accessing 50 percent or more of their education program at **school** may be claimed as **funded students** by the **supervising board**. However, Alberta Education will prorate the funding based on the percentage of the student's program taken at **school**, and the percentage of the student's program taken at home.
5. Students enrolled in Grades 10 to 12 who are participating in a **blended program** and accessing 20 percent or more of their education program at **school** may be claimed as **funded students** by the **supervising board**. However, Alberta Education will prorate the funding based on the percentage of the student's program 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 percentage of 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 ADL courses and related resources from the Learning Resources Centre, Alberta Education will pay for 50 percent of the course costs to a maximum of the home education funding rate for the combined ADL purchases of both **supervising boards**. This funding may be claimed on the applicable Form, 05AE1.4a, for Grades 7 to 12 and 04AE1.4b, for Grades 1 to 6.

8. **Home education students** and their **parents** must live in Alberta on September 30 of the current school year.
9. A **supervising board** must offer annually 50 percent or more of the home education rate to the **parents of home education students** for the purchase of Programs of Study and instructional materials.

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Home education funding is based on:
 - a) student registration information in Grades 1 to 12 as of September 30 that is reported to the Information Services Branch by October 5; and
 - b) report of ADL courses for **home education students** on Form 05AE1.4a;
 - c) report of additional ADL course costs for Grades 1 to 6 on Form 05AE1.4b.
2. **School jurisdictions** shall have home education policies in place that indicate which Program of Study and instructional materials will be considered for reimbursement and the amount of reimbursement for students in **blended programs**.
3. The **school jurisdiction** must annually conduct at least two evaluations of their **home education students'** progress.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. 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) multiply the percentage of the student's **school** provided portion by the Base Instruction funding rate for **supervising boards**, plus
 - b) multiply the percentage of the student's home education portion by the home education rate including 50 percent of the ADL course costs to the pro-rated portion of the maximum.

Example 1:

A student in a home education program 40 percent of the time using ADL courses and in a regular **school** program 60 percent of the time would be funded as follows:

Home education rate	40%	X	\$1,272	=	\$508.80
Plus ADL course costs to a maximum of 40 percent of home education rate	40%	X	\$1,272	=	\$508.80
Plus the Regular school rate (for the applicable grade)	60%	X	\$5,087	=	<u>\$3,052.20</u>
Total					<u>\$4,069.80</u>

Example 2:

A senior high student in a home education program for 70% of the time and in a regular **school** program for 30% of the time would be funded as follows:

Home education rate	70%	X	\$1,272	=	\$890.40
Regular school rate (for the applicable grade)	30%	X	\$5,087	=	<u>\$1,526.10</u>
Total					<u>\$2,416.50</u>

REFERENCES

Home Education Policy 1.1.2

Home Education Regulation AR 126/1999