

ALLOCATION DESCRIPTION

New This funding is provided to address the costs associated with providing instructional programs, services and resource materials for **home education students**.

ALLOCATION FORMULA

1. Home Education:

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

PLUS,

Revised

- a) 50% of the eligible Alberta Distance Learning (ADL) course costs for **home education students** in Grades 7 to 12 enrolled at the ADLC, -up to a maximum equivalent to the Home Education instruction funding rate; and
- b) the eligible ADL course costs for **home education students** in Grades 1 to 6 taking a full course load of ADL courses at the ADLC, which exceed the required 50% Home Education instruction funding that the **associate board** provides to the home education **parents** for the purchase of courses and instructional materials.

2. Blended Program (as defined in the Glossary of Terms) for Grades 1 – 12 students:

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

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PLUS:

$$\text{The percentage of the School Program} \times \text{Base Instruction Rate}$$

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50% of the eligible ADL course costs up to a maximum of the student's pro-rated Home Education funding amount.

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

ALLOCATION CRITERIA

1. Instruction funding may be provided to the **associate 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*.
- Revised 2. An **associate board** must offer to the **parents** of a **home education student** not less than 50% of the Home Education instruction funding for the purchase of instructional materials. If the **home education student** is enrolled by the **associate board** in ADL courses at the ADLC with the **parents'** permission, the board may use some or all of the parents 50% funding to pay for the cost of these courses and required instructional materials.
- Revised 3. Additional funding may be provided to the **associate board**, for eligible course costs for **home education students** in Grades 7 to 12 enrolled by the **associate board** in Alberta Distance Learning (ADL) courses at the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC). The funding provides for 50% of the cost of the ADLC's course tuition fees, lesson materials and resources (net of any refund) up to a maximum equivalent to the Home Education instructional funding amount. This funding may be claimed on Form 06AE1.4a.
- Revised 4. Additional funding may be provided to the **associate board** for eligible course costs for **home education students** in Grades 1 to 6 taking a full course load of ADL courses through the ADLC. The funding provides for the cost of ADLC course tuition fees, lesson materials and resources (net of any refund) that is in excess of the required 50% Home Education instruction funding allocated for the purchase of courses and instructional materials -whether the funding was retained by the **associate board** or provided to the **parents** (see Allocation Criteria # 9). This funding may be claimed on Form 06AE1.4b.
- Revised 5. Students enrolled in Grades 1 to 9 who are participating in a **blended program**, and accessing at least 50% of their education courses at **school**, may be claimed as **funded students** by the **associate board**. However, Alberta Education will prorate the funding provided based on the percentage of the student's courses taken at **school**, and the percentage of the courses taken at home.
- Revised 6. Students enrolled in Grades 10 to 12 who are participating in a **blended program** and accessing at least 20% of their education courses at **school** may be claimed as **funded students** by the **associate board**. However, Alberta Education will prorate the funding provided based on the percentage of the student's courses taken at home and the percentage of the student's courses taken at **school**.
- Revised 7. In accordance with Section 8 of the *Home Education Regulation*, an **associate board** shall provide to a **parent** of a student enrolled in a **blended program**, 50% of the Home Education instruction funding that is based on the percentage of the home education program.

- Revised**
8. When a **home education student** in grades 7 to 12, who is taking ADL courses through the ADLC, moves from one **associate board** to another after the **count date**, and the receiving **associate board** also enrolls the student in ADL courses through the ADLC; Alberta Education will pay 50% of the eligible ADL course costs combined for both **associate boards** –up to a maximum equivalent to the Home Education funding amount. This funding may be claimed on Form, 06AE1.4a.
 9. **Home education students** and their **parents** must be living in Alberta on the **count date** of the current school year.

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Revised**
1. Home Education funding is based on:
 - a) student registration information in Grades 1 to 12 as of the **count date** that is reported to the Information Services Branch by October 5; and
 - b) the application for reimbursement of ADL course costs for **home education students** in Grades 9 to 12 enrolled in courses at the ADLC (Form 06AE1.4a);
 - c) the application for additional ADL course costs for **home education students** in Grades 1 to 6 on enrolled in courses at the ADLC (Form 06AE1.4b).
 2. **Associate boards** shall have home education policies in place that indicate which Programs of Study and instructional materials will be considered for reimbursement and the amount of reimbursement for students in **blended programs**.
 3. **Associate boards** must conduct at least two evaluations annually of their **home education students'** progress.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Revised**
1. Funding for an **associate board** for each student enrolled in a **blended program** on the **count date** is the sum of the calculations in (a),(b) and (c) :
 - a) the percentage of the student's home education program multiplied by the Home Education funding rate; plus
 - b) the percentage of the student's **school** provided program multiplied by the Base Instruction funding rate for **associate boards**; plus
 - c) plus 50% of eligible ADL costs up to a maximum equivalent to the student's Home Education instruction funding amount.

Example 1 -Blended Program for a student in grades 1-12:

Revised A student in a home education program for 40% of the time enrolled in courses at the ADLC and in a regular **school** program for 60% of the time would be funded as follows:

Home Education funding amount	40%	X	\$1,323	=	\$529.20
Plus ADLC course costs up to a maximum of the pro-rated home education funding amount	40%	X	\$1,323	=	\$529.20
Plus the Base Instruction funding amount (for the applicable grade)	60%	X	\$5,291	=	<u>\$3,174.60</u>

Total **\$4,233.00**

Example 2: Blended Program for a senior high student:

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	\$1,323	=	\$926.10
Regular school rate (for the applicable grade)	30%	X	\$5,291	=	<u>\$1,587.30</u>

Total **\$2,513.40**

REFERENCES

Home Education Policy 1.1.2

Home Education Regulation AR 126/1999