

HOME EDUCATION

Administrative Directive

Wolf Creek Public Schools operates under the provincial educational framework that stipulates that parents have the right to choose “Home Education” as an alternative educational framework for their children. This program is guided by *the School Act* and described under the accompanying regulations.

To ensure that student needs are contemplated over the longest possible time frame, Wolf Creek Public Schools (WCPS) strongly advocates for parents to consider a blended program between the home and school. This blended approach allows students to access subject specific programs as well as athletic and other specialized types of programs. In the event that a parent desires a traditional home education program outside of the school, the parent will be referred to a Home Education Partner within Alberta that can provide program and support services.

The following procedures outline the scope and guidelines relative to Home Education programs offered by Wolf Creek Public Schools.

Procedures

1. Parents of students in Grades 7-12 who wish to home school are invited to enrol in the Home Education Blended Program by contacting one of the Outreach School programs operated by WCPS. Parents of students in Grades K-6 who wish to home school are invited to consider blended programs by contacting the school principal of their neighborhood school to discuss various options. Blended options for students in K-12 may not always be appropriate, or available, therefore Wolf Creek Public Schools may refer parents to programming options available through a Home Education partner outside of the District.
2. Registrations for blended programs may take place at any time of the year. The school principal shall arrange for the registration of the student to ensure the student is reported in the student information system for Alberta Education. The grade and program placement of students in a blended program or students returning to a regular program shall be determined by the school principal.
3. Where blended programs are chosen, the school principal will ensure that ongoing communication takes place between the parent and the classroom teacher. The school principal will provide home education students with access to a variety of school sponsored services, learning opportunities, teams, clubs and special events. Principals are encouraged to include students from blended programs in school activities to the greatest extent possible.

4. Use of school materials (library books, technology, etc.) on school premises shall be at the discretion of the school principal in order to ensure these materials are appropriately available to all students.
5. Parents of students desiring a traditional home education program will be referred to programming options through a Home Education partner that is located within Alberta and outside of the school district boundaries. This Home Education partner will work with the parents and oversee the traditional Home Education program.
6. Students in any home education program or blended program will be provided with a location and proctor to accommodate the writing of provincial exams.
7. The school division may, in writing, terminate any blended program and direct the student to another home educational program or school under provisions contained in *the Home Education Regulation 126/99*.
8. The parent/guardian may appeal decisions to the Superintendent regarding matters pertaining to home education.

Reference: Section 29, 39, 45, 123, 124, 125
School Act Home Education Policy 1.1.2
Home Education Regulation 126/99

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