

Home Schooling

The Board of Education recognizes the right of parents to educate their children at home in accordance with the *School Act*. The Board wishes to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship with parents of home-schooled children and to encourage parents to take advantage of supplementary home instruction by participating in some of the public school programs or activities in accordance with the regulations of this procedure.

Registration

In accordance with the *School Act*, parents must register home-school students each year with a school of their choice.

Parents, who wish to take advantage of opportunities offered by the 'Home Schooling Partnership' initiative, as outlined in the 'Home Schooling Partnership' section of this procedure, are encouraged to register at Silverdale Elementary School.

At the time of registration, parents of home-school students will be provided with a copy of this procedure and regulations.

General Services

Students on home-school programs shall be provided with resources as stipulated by *School Act Regulations* (i.e. "evaluation and assessment services sufficient to...determine education progress" and "loan of authorized education resources").

Psycho-educational assessments and other special education services (e.g. speech therapy, visual and hearing services) may be provided by School District personnel subject to approval by the Director of Instruction (Student Services).

Students shall be provided necessary recommended educational resources. A textbook deposit in the amount approved by the Board of Education for secondary schools for that school year will be collected for the loan of texts to secondary students. Such deposit to be fully refunded on the return of the texts in reasonable condition.

Home Schooling Partnership

Opportunities under the 'Home School Partnership' are available at Silverdale Elementary School. Parents of home-schooled children can supplement home instruction by having their children participate in some public school programs or activities, at no cost, as follows:

- Access to a full grade curriculum (K-12) through the Fraser Valley Distance Education School;
- Access to a computer curriculum program, if applicable;
- Access to assessment and evaluation of student coursework through the Fraser Valley Distance Education School;
- Access to books and other materials;
- Access to teacher support through the Fraser Valley Distance Education School;

- Access to mutually agreed upon co-curricular activities such as library privileges, cultural events, school computer use and/or curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Parents of home-school children also have access to a second alternative model (“Mission Model”) where students will develop learning plans, work on performance standards and learning outcomes, which are provided to the home instructor.

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