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HOME SCHOOLING

1. Home Instruction or Home School means that a person having guardianship of a minor between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age accepts the responsibility for providing the education of such student at home in accordance with law instead of having the minor attend a public or regularly established private school.
2. Full-time student means, for purposes of participation in student activities, a student enrolled in a School District No. 46 school a minimum of 50% attendance of the full day, participation in school events is at the administrative officer's discretion given reasonable resources.
3. Part-time student means, for purposes of participation in student activities, a student enrolled in a School District No. 46 school less than 50% attendance of the full day, participation in school events is at the administrative officer's discretion given reasonable resources.

4. Parent Responsibilities

A parent, guardian, or other person having custody over a school-age student who resides in School District No. 46 may receive a full release from attending school if the student is taught at home in the subjects prescribed by the Province of British Columbia Ministry of Education for the same length of time as children are required by law to be taught in the district schools. Parents who choose to release their child from compulsory attendance and provide a home school for the instruction and education of their child will:

- a. Inform their nearest local school of their intent to home school their school-age child.
- b. Provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction per year between July 1 and June 30 in each school year.
- c. While school attendance prior to the age of six (6) is optional, parents are strongly urged to provide one and one-half (1-1/2) hours of instruction per day for children of kindergarten age in subjects as specified by the Province of British Columbia for kindergarten.

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- d. Provide the minimum amount of hours of instruction per day as prescribed by the Province of British Columbia Ministry of Education.
- e. Provide instruction in grades 1 through 6 in accordance with the Province of British Columbia Ministry of Education curriculum. The curriculum includes, but is not restricted to such subjects as reading, mathematics, science, social studies, language arts, music, art and healthy lifestyle/fitness.
- f. Provide instruction in grades 7 through 12 in accordance with the Province of British Columbia curriculum. The curriculum includes, but is not restricted to such subjects as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, healthy lifestyle/fitness, arts, information technology (computer skills), vocational education and appropriate electives.
- g. Request, if desired, special education services which the district will provide in accordance with provincial rules and regulations. The age may vary for eligible students who must be provided special educational services.

5. Board and District Responsibilities

School District No. 46 will coordinate services and respond to questions regarding home schooling. The district will:

- a. Review requests for home schooling status.
- b. Notify the local school principal of the parent's decision to withdraw the child from school. The principal will remove the child from the school enrolment records.
- c. Provide, at the request of parent or guardian, the following items at costs established by the district. Costs will be the same as those for regular education students.
 - A. A Home Instruction Information Packet. The packet will include the district policy, a list of services available from the School District, and contact information for Distance Education programs and other learning resources outside of the district. The packet will be provided at no cost.

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- B. Textbooks, when available and needed, at a rental fee established by the district. Replacement cost is to be charged for damaged books or books not returned to the school at the end of the school year. Such materials will be available at the closest local school. Parents may choose to purchase the necessary textbooks from available suppliers.
- C. Information on academic requirements for each level, subject and grade (i.e. I.R.P.s - Integrated Resource Packages).
- d. Provide, through the school in which a home-school student is registered, access to library and other resources such that the education program for full-time students is not jeopardized. Access may include, but is not exclusive to, such activities as field trips, special events and performances, and school- or district-wide extracurricular programs.

6. Students Enrolled in a Combination of Public, Private and Home Instruction

Students may divide their enrolment between public and home instruction or private school enrolment and may thereby obtain access to specialized instruction or other programs not readily available in these programs.

Students who choose to participate as part-time students shall comply with district and school policies and rules.

- a. Full-time students are eligible to participate as school representatives, class representatives, club and team members and similar positions.
- b. Part-time (including wholly home-schooled) students are eligible to:
 - A. Participate as members of intramural teams, members of school clubs and participate in other school activities.
 - B. Participate as spectators at school functions.

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- C. Participate in school activity clubs or groups at the discretion of the principal.
- c. At the administrative officer's discretion part-time students are eligible to:
 - A. Participate as team members or performers in competitive activities sponsored by the district.
 - B. Participate as team members or performers in secondary school competitive activities.

7. Reentry to District Schools

In the interest of determining an appropriate replacement and curriculum, students who have been involved in home-schooling who choose to reenter the public schools of School District No. 46 will be admitted under the same entrance requirements as other students entering the district schools. The student will be placed by the school principal after consulting with parents. These requirements apply to all entering students whether part-time or full-time.

- a. At the principal's discretion, the principal may use placement tests, parent consultation and other evidence of student progress to assist in proper grade level placement and placement in specialized programs. Appeals will be handled by the regular district appeal process.
- b. Credit requests for home instruction will be evaluated by the district in accordance with regular acceptance criteria.

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