

Education

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Frequently Asked Questions About... Grades 9-12 Homeschooling

- 1. Who do I contact in regard to homeschooling?**
For Students between 7 and 18 years of age: Your first contact is the Manitoba Homeschooling office at 1-800-282-8069 Ext. 8138. The Homeschooling office will advise of program options available to Manitoba homeschoolers. If a provincial curriculum aligned program is determined, please visit the Distance Learning website for information on the Independent Study Option. <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/iso/index.html>
For students 18 years of age and older: Enrollment with the Homeschooling office is not required and contact can be made directly with the Distance Learning Unit for registration in the Independent Study Option program.
- 2. Where do I access grades 9-12 curriculum congruent learning materials?**
Students can enroll in courses offered by the Independent Study Option (ISO). The ISO provides the opportunity and flexibility for non attending, school-age students to access a wide range of independent study distance learning courses from grades 9 to 12. Learners complete courses independently and at their own pace while having some access to a tutor/marker via email or phone. The Distance Learning Unit issues the credit to distance learners who successfully complete an ISO course. Grade 9 to 12 courses are available to complete the requirements towards a Senior Years Diploma, Mature Student Diploma or post-secondary admission.
- 3. How do I register in an Independent Study Option Course?**
The registration form is available on the website.
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/forms/index.html>
- 4. Will the Distance Learning Unit assist me with course selection?**
The ISO consultant will discuss the courses and make recommendations based on the student's previous high school credits earned and/or subject area interests.
- 5. How many courses can I order and register for at one time?**
Students may enroll in up to two courses at a time. Upon completion of each course an additional course can be ordered on a new registration form.

6. **How long will it take to receive the course materials?**

For Students between 7 and 18 years of age: When the signed application form is received by the Distance Learning Unit, the Homeschooling office will be contacted to authorize proceeding with the application. Once approval is attained course materials are shipped within 48 business hours by Canada Post to the Manitoba mailing address provided.

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7. **Are there any other course costs related to the Independent Study Option?**

Please see the course descriptions on the Independent Study Option website for a list of resource materials and/or textbooks as not all courses require supplies or textbooks. Some of these items may be purchased from a supplier of your choice or borrowed from your community school.

8. **Who will assess my child's progress and report to the homeschooling office?**

Tutor/marker services are available for senior years' courses (grades 9-12) and credit granting is provided by the Distance Learning Unit. The ISO tutor/marker will assess your child's work and the Distance Learning Unit will prepare Statements of Standing and Report Cards. These reports will be mailed to the student's home address provided at the time of registration.

For students between 7 and 18 years of age, parent/guardians report progress via the January and June Reports as required by the province to the Manitoba Homeschooling office. Please contact the Manitoba Homeschooling office for details.

For more frequently asked questions about senior years ISO courses please visit.

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/iso/faq.html>

1. [Where do I get textbooks and how much do they cost?](#)
2. [How will I be evaluated?](#)
3. [How long does it take to complete a course?](#)
4. [What do I do if I am having difficulty with my course\(s\)?](#)
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