

Considerations for Enrolment in

Arrowsmith

PROGRAMMING

Enrolment in Arrowsmith

The Arrowsmith program is a treatment program and cannot be a substitute for the educational programming provided in schools. There are two options available to parents wishing to enrol a child in the Arrowsmith program during the school day.

Option 1:

Working with the local school division or independent school (see <www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/index.html> for information about independent schools), parents and teachers develop an educational plan for the student. The plan or individual education plan (IEP) must include documentation of how educational programming will include the core educational requirements (English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) plus physical/health education, at levels appropriate for the child's age/development, in addition to the programming offered through Arrowsmith. See *Student-Specific Planning: A Handbook for Developing and Implementing Individual Education Plans (IEPs)* found at <www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/spcedu/iep/> for information about IEPs. Students must be registered in a public or independent school.

Option 2:

Parents opt to homeschool their child, meeting the core educational requirements (English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) plus physical/health education, in addition to having their child attend Arrowsmith. Parents must notify Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning of the intent to homeschool their child (see <www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/home_sch.html> for information about homeschooling). The homeschool educational plan submitted must provide the child with a standard of education equivalent to that offered by public schools as per *The Public Schools Act (PSA)*, sections 260 and 262(b) (see <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p250_2e.php>).

The diagram on page 4 will help parents to decide which option is most appropriate.

Funding

Enrolment in the Arrowsmith program is a parental choice and at the expense of the parent. No funding will transfer from a school division or from the Department to pay the cost of programming provided by the Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba.

For students attending a local school (public or funded independent), all funding from the Department to the school/school division for the student(s) will be pro-rated based on percentage of attendance in that local school (*Option 1*).

No funding is provided to Homeschool students (*Option 2*).

Responsibilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba (LDAM)

LDAM is liable for injuries to children while they are in attendance in the Arrowsmith program. Arrowsmith staff are not required to be teachers nor are they expected to provide the teaching and learning experiences that would be available in a school classroom. LDAM cannot provide students with credits toward a Manitoba high school diploma. In addition, LDAM is responsible for:

- Ensuring the facility is safe. Obtaining an occupancy permit and fire inspection certificate for the premises.
- Ensuring that staff who work with children have criminal record checks with vulnerable sector screening and child abuse registry checks.
- Providing information for parents about Arrowsmith programming and information about Manitoba's core education requirements.
- Providing parents with information about the training and qualifications of staff.
- Monitoring student attendance and reporting on a monthly basis to the school or division where the student is registered.

School Divisions/Independent Schools

School Divisions/Independent Schools are not liable for injuries to children while attending the Arrowsmith program and not responsible for busing children to and from the Arrowsmith program. In addition, school divisions/independent schools are responsible for:

- Developing an educational plan in collaboration with families that addresses the core educational requirements (English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) plus physical/health education and supports that will be offered through the school. This plan must specify the portion of the school day/school week that will be spent off-site in Arrowsmith programming.
- Ensuring that parents understand that Arrowsmith programming does not meet Manitoba's core education requirements. During the time a child is in attendance at Arrowsmith, s/he will not be exposed to the teaching and learning experiences that would be available in a school classroom, or acquire credits toward a Manitoba high school diploma.
- Monitoring and reporting on student attendance during the school year.

Requirements of *The Public Schools Act*

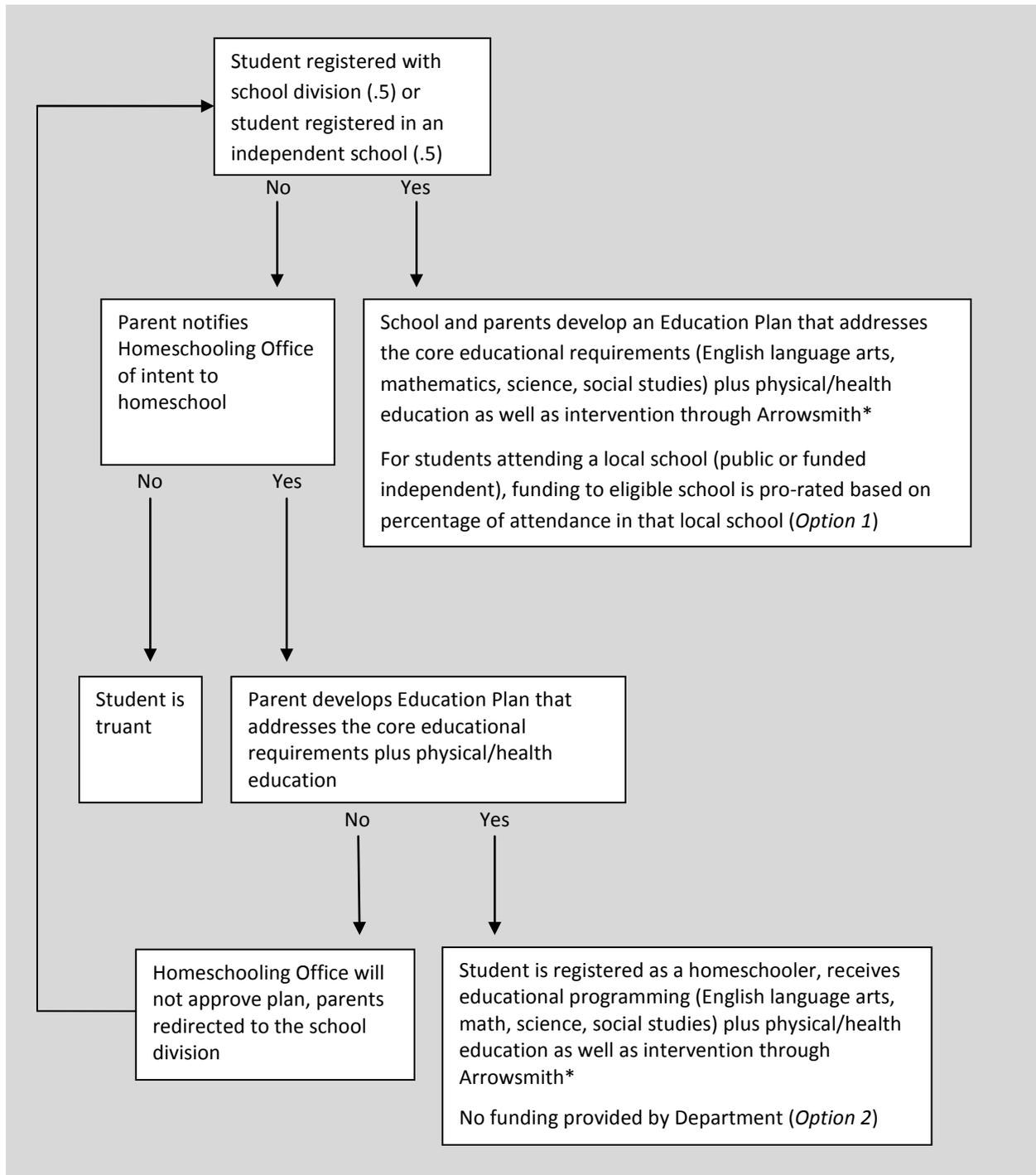
In Manitoba, section 41(1) of the *PSA* (see <<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p250e.php>>) mandates that school boards must provide or make provision for education in Grades 1 to 12 inclusive and provide adequate school accommodation for all resident pupils who have the right to attend school.

According to the *PSA*, section 1.1 (see <<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p250e.php>>), an individual is a child of compulsory school age if he or she

- (a) is, at the beginning of the fall term in a year,
 - (i) seven years of age or older, or
 - (ii) six years of age, but will turn seven on or before December 31 of that year;
and
- (b) is younger than 18 years of age.

A parent of a child of compulsory school age or who is attending schools is required by the *PSA*, section 58.7 (see <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p250_2e.php>), to take all reasonable measures to ensure the child attends school regularly.

When parents decide to have their child attend
Arrowsmith,
the following diagram will assist in decision making.



*school divisions are not required to pay for programming or transportation