

# Considering Homeschooling?

*Before you consider homeschooling all parents/custodial parents or legal guardians must be in agreement to homeschool.*

*A healthy parent-child relationship will contribute to a positive educational experience. Choosing to homeschool your child is an important decision which requires careful consideration of the following factors.*

## **What are the time commitments and skills required to homeschool?**

- Effective homeschooling requires:
  - planning and preparation time as well as participation in hands-on activities and field trips
  - daily one-on-one instructional time
  - the ability to be organized and stay on task

## **What are the costs of homeschooling?**

- As a parent, you are responsible for:
  - obtaining resources and materials necessary for the program of study
  - budgeting and considering the costs of textbooks, supplies, equipment and field trips
- Provincial funding is not available to cover the costs of homeschooling. The cost of resources and materials vary depending on the programming option selected by families.

## **If my child has special needs, do I have access to the same support services offered by schools?**

- As a parent, special education assessments and programming are your responsibility.
- Provincial support services funding is not available to families who choose to homeschool.

## **Can my child enter or re-enter the school system?**

- If you would like your child to enter or re-enter the school system, principals of public and funded independent K-12 schools are responsible for making grade level placement decisions and for granting possible credits.

## **Can I homeschool my child from age 7 up to the age of 18?**

- If you choose homeschooling for your child from the age of 7 up to age 18 you must follow the provisions of *The Public Schools Act*, Part XIV Section 260.1 (1-4).
- Students are only eligible to receive a Manitoba High School Diploma when they are registered in a school, taking Manitoba curricula courses of study and taught by a Manitoba certified teacher.
- Some post-secondary institutions may recognize and accept homeschooling education.

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