

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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