WELCOME TO , HOMESCHOOLING

Did you know homeschooling has been a legal option in Manitoba since 1916?

Considering Homeschooling?

Many parents choose this option. When families notify for homeschooling, they will be connected to a homeschooling Liaison Officer, who works to support families and help them meet all the requirements outlined in *The Public Schools Act*.

Explore the homeschooling web page to find important information as well as answers to your questions.



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Legal information about homeschooling in Manitoba can be found by clicking **Legislation** on the left-side menu of the web page to read about

- compulsory school age
- when to notify for homeschooling
- when to submit Progress Reports
- other legal requirements

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A good place to start for more information about homeschooling is the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**. It's a great idea to read through all questions.





Costs

Some Common Questions

One is about costs and whether funding is available to parents who homeschool their children. In Manitoba, there is no funding available for homeschooling families. Parents are responsible for acquiring all necessary resources and materials so their children can receive an appropriate education.



Programs

Another one is whether a homeschooler must follow Manitoba curricula. Parents may choose to use Manitoba-developed curricula; however, there is no requirement to do so. Parents must demonstrate how their educational programming is equivalent to that of a public school.

Some Common Questions (continued)





Homeschooling Notification

Families wonder at what age homeschooling notification can start. Parents **can** notify for homeschooling in September of the year in which their child turns five. Parents **must** notify for homeschooling in September of the year in which their child turns six, as per The Public Schools Act.



High School Options

Some families ask about homeschooling in high school. Families can homeschool for high school from Grades 9 to 12. There are options to consider, and the family is encouraged to talk with a homeschooling Liaison Officer for further details.



Enrolling in School

A last common question is about enrolling homeschool students in a school. Homeschool students can enrol in their catchment area public school at any time. For more information, parents can consult with the school principal and their homeschooling Liaison Officer.

Next Steps

If you would like to know how to find resources, complete a Student Notification Form, plan a program outline, and report on the progress of your student(s), please visit the **Planning and Reporting** and **Resources** web pages.

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Homeschooling Videos

To learn more about homeschooling in Manitoba, please watch the following short and helpful videos. Though references are made to the past PDF version of forms, the information provides direction on how to complete the current online and paper forms.

- Welcome to Homeschooling Video This video provides general information about homeschooling in Manitoba.
- Homeschooling Program Outline This video explains how to complete a Student Notification Form and plan a Program Outline.
- Homeschooling Progress Reports This video explains how to complete January and June Progress Reports.

On the Planning and Reporting web page, you can watch the homeschooling videos, read the accompanying guideline documents, and access samples of forms.



Parents are welcome to consult with homeschooling Liaison Officers when choosing their programming. The Contacts link on the web page provides phone and toll-free numbers, and email and mailing addresses.