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Important Questions to Ask When Looking for a Home School Supervising Agency

1. Are all your facilitators home educators? If not, what qualifications do your facilitators have that give them a good understanding of home education for Grades 1 through 12?
2. What approaches of home education do your facilitators support and oversee?
3. Will your facilitators be able to provide us with advice and suggest-ed resources in the various subject areas?
4. What can we expect during the two visits with the facilitator that are required in the Alberta Home Education Regulation?
5. Are home visits with our facilitator compulsory or are there other places where we could meet?
6. What are the expectations of the facilitator at these meetings? What do they expect to see in a home education program and portfolio?
7. What is your perspective regarding the role of the school board or private school in evaluating a student's progress (e.g., testing, as-sessments)? Will my children have to write the Alberta Student Learning Assessments or Provincial Achievement Tests? What hap-pens if they don't?
8. What is your perspective on report cards for home educated students? Are they necessary? If so, who prepares them: the parent or the facilitator?
9. Are your facilitators able to recognize special needs in students and suggest resources and methods to assist parents in teaching such students?
10. What is my recourse if, during the year, my facilitator and I don't agree?

If you are uncomfortable with the answers, shop around.

It is important that you know you have specific rights within the Alberta Regulations on Home Education, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and precedence set by the Supreme Court of Canada.