

FAQ ROUND 1: Questions and Answers

1. Is there any funding/etc available for my kiddos. They both were PUF kiddos and need speech therapy. Grades 1 and 3.

If by “funding” you mean additional funding to the standard \$850.00 home education funding per home education student, then the answer is, no. Home Education students are not eligible for additional funding for any reason: special needs, transportation, operation and maintenance, etc.

2. When do we get reimbursed for resources?

Alberta Education provides the funding for Home Education students to each school board during the early part of October, and the funding is based on the number of Home Education students who have notified (e.g. registered) at that associate board or associate private school as of September 30th, which is the official, “Count Date”.

We will begin to process reimbursement requests starting in early October, and we will continue processing reimbursement requests on a weekly basis from then until our deadline for receiving reimbursement requests in May.

Do I just buy them now and submit receipts?

Yes

It’s \$800 something per kiddo right?

Yes, for the 2021-22 school year, the amount of home education funding per student is \$850.00.

3. Are any resources loaned out by you?

No

4. Do you have a newsletter?

Yes, I use Constant Contact to send out my monthly newsletters.

5. Will the kiddos have access to field trips, events, outings, physical ed activities?

While THEE does schedule group field trips and social/special events, any fee for such an event is a cost that the parent will need to pay and may pay from the student's home education funding.

A BIG WORD-OF-WARNING on this topic: Be very careful about any program that is offering to pay for such expenses! Ask yourself the question, "From where is this program getting the money to pay for all of these 'extras'?" I can talk more about this matter to you directly.

Or do I need to include those in the \$800?

Yes

While I am not concerned about the funding in terms of reimbursement of supplies, etc, I do plan on home educating him this year along with my daughters. Does THEE offer any supports to kindergarten students?

Yes, your facilitator will answer your questions and provide ideas, suggestions, etc. to help you with your home education goals for your Kindergarten-aged child.

I have heard of other boards that don't specifically assign a facilitator to the kindergarten child, but will help the parent support that child's home education since they already have a relationship with the family through serving as facilitator to the other siblings in the same household.

Right, your facilitator from THEE will also support your youngest child just as if he were a funded and "official" home educating student. We ask the parents of the unfunded home ed children to treat the school year as a "practice run".