

FAQ ROUND 3: Questions and Answers

QUESTION 1: Do I [parent] have to let the school he [my child] is registered with know that I will be withdrawing him and notifying him with you [THEE]?

You can do that, but you do not have to. We in THEE's office will notify your child's previous school that your child has joined our Home Education program. You could tell someone in the office of your child's previous school that you have chosen to home educate your child with our program out of courtesy to the school to help them in his/her own efforts to account for his/her school's enrollment numbers, but doing so is not required.

QUESTION 2: And am I [parent] eligible for the \$850 [Home Ed per student funding] for the resources or no because he was already registered in the other school?

Just because you had enrolled your child at a school prior to registering* (i.e. "Notifying") your child as a home education student with our program does not make your Home Education child ineligible to receive the Home Education funding for that school year. You can change your mind at any time during the month of September as to which school your child will attend, but where your child is enrolled or notified as of Sept 29th will determine where the school funding will go. The later you wait into the month of September, the more likely you are to have problems with receiving your home education funding due to an administrative conflict over your child's funding, a conflict that is officially named, "Priority School Conflict".

*Registering ("Notifying") must happen on or before September 29th, and your child must NOT have been physically present in the school building on September 30th. Please see my inf-video that talks about why the official, "Count Date", of September 30th is often too late for you to decide to choose to Home Educate your child AND to receive the Home Education funding for that child.

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QUESTION 3: when sending the notice into the school board of my choice, do I send in the curriculum plan as well or just the forms?

When you register (i.e. "Notify") your child with our Home Education program, you will need to also complete the required-by-Alberta-Education, "Education Program Plan" (aka, the Program Plan). By registration, I am referring to you completing the, "Notification Form", which most parents call a registration form. So, you need to complete both the, "Notification Form", and the, "Program Plan", in order for your Home Education registration/notification to be complete.

QUESTION 4: and do I mail the forms in, or can I talk to someone in person/through email? Our Home Education registration/notification process is an online process, so you will complete the, "Notification Form", and the, "Program Plan", via our online system. You will find a detailed guide for completing this online registration at THEE's webpage at https://thee.ca/register/

QUESTION 5: if resources are bought before acceptance is issued, are those reimbursable?

Some boards have said they are reimbursable while others say no, and I couldn't find anything on THEE's website. There are some sales coming up that I'd like to take advantage of but won't if we won't be reimbursed for them.

The answer to your question is a strong, "Yes". I have heard from many parents that several home education boards are telling new homeschooling parents that they [the home education board] will only reimburse those purchases which the parent has made after the date that the parent has signed the, "Notification Form", to join that board's home education program. I completely oppose that type of policy which, to me, appears to be a sales-pressure tactic because that policy is not a provincially required policy. We will honor and accept receipts for purchases that you made up to one school year prior to joining our home education program.

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