

# HOME EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

## **Definition of Terms:**

- **Parent** – means in respect of a student (Grades 1-12) or child enrolled in an early childhood services program, the relevant individual referred to in subsection (2) of the Education Act.
  
- **Student** – means a person who is in accordance to the School Act:
  - (1) Enrolled in a school or
  - (2) Required under section 7 to attend school but does not include a child younger than 6 years of age who is enrolled in an early childhood services program.

## **References:**

This policy references the Education Act section 20 and the Home Education Regulation 2020 and the Standards for Home Education Reimbursement.

## **Background:** From the Regulation:

7(1) The Minister must provide funding in accordance with the regulations made under the Government Organization Act or the School Act to an associate board or associate private school that supervises a home education program.

(2) An associate board or associate private school must offer not less than 50% of the home education program funding received under subsection (1) to the parents who are providing home education programs to students.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if a parent chooses to use distance learning materials approved by the Minister, the associate board or associate private school is entitled to use the portion attributed to the parent under subsection (2) to pay for those materials.

## **Requirements:**

1. Reimbursement decisions must be consistent with Section 7(4) of the Home Education Regulation.
2. Not less than 50% of the provincial grant for home education must be made available to parents of students enrolled in a home education program at the Phoenix Education Foundation.
3. Reimbursement process must follow the current Standards for Home Education Reimbursement as outlined by Alberta Education.
4. The Phoenix Education Foundation will review its home education reimbursement procedure on a regular basis.

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