

Homeschool Status

A “Homeschool” status means that a student is not registered at any other school in the province including private schools. The homeschool student will only be able to access the school library, and they are not eligible for any other services provided by SD42.

To ensure a student is changed to Homeschooling properly in MyEdBC please confirm the following is completed:

- Remove Homeroom from student demographic page
- Change grade sub level to “HS” on student demographic page
- Remove student from Attendance blocks / classes
- End date any school-based programs
- Notify Learning Services or AbEd as necessary of student’s change in enrollment
- File documentation in student G4 to verify date of parent/guardian request of intent to homeschool
- Enter Inclusion (see Clerical Site: “Adding Inclusions” for instructions)

For further information, please refer to Handbook regarding Homeschooling. See page 8:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/homeschooling/homeschooling-procedures-and-guidelines.pdf>

Often families with a child enrolled in online learning courses through a B.C. public or independent school, who primarily learns in the home, view themselves to be homeschoolers. However, aligning with the legislative definitions, **the Ministry only recognizes registered homeschoolers as homeschoolers. Children / youth who learn at home (via online learning) through a public or independent school are “students” and not registered homeschoolers, by Ministry definition,** with the exception of registered homeschoolers who are taking online learning courses at the grades 10-12 level while retaining their registered homeschooler status. [Ministry of Education staff with responsibility for Homeschooling](#) (email link embedded) and the [B.C. Home Educators’ Association¹](#) (website link embedded) would be pleased to provide additional clarification between homeschooling and online learning, as required.

Another important difference between homeschooling and online learning is the level of Ministry of Education funding provided to boards of education / independent school authorities for their enrolled students versus registered homeschoolers. Boards of education and independent school authorities receive a larger amount of funding from the Ministry of Education for providing an educational program to students. The Ministry provides a minimal grant to cover the administrative costs associated with the registration process and the requirement to offer educational services for registered homeschoolers. In both cases, funding is not delivered to parents/guardians, but rather to the board of education or independent school authority.