

Legal Reference: Alberta Learning Regulation #319-9

Cross Reference: Alberta Distance Learning Centre Handbooks
HGBQ Home Education Policy

POLICY

Distance learning courses may be offered as an alternative for students to pursue their program of studies.

GUIDELINES

1. Students under 16 years of age not attending school, or their parents on their behalf, may apply to the Alberta Distance Learning Centre for a program of course(s) with the approval of the Superintendent/designate.
2. Students under 16 years of age attending school, or their parents on their behalf, may apply to the Albert Distance Learning Centre for a program or course(s) with the approval of the designate school principal.
3. Budget support for distance learning courses for Grades 1-9 shall come from the school in which the student is registered and in the case of high school courses where CEU funding may be accessed. In some circumstances funding may come from the Home Education contingency fund.
4. Students shall not be enrolled in an ADL courses if they are enrolled in the same course in school.
5. Where a student under 16 years of age has been expelled from Elk Island Public Schools
 - a. assistance with the application to Alberta Distance Learning Centre may be accessed from EIPS Home Education staff.
 - b. the cost of the course(s) shall be paid by the student or parent.
 - c. upon successful completion of the course(s) by August 31 of the current school year, the student may apply to Elk Island Public Schools for reimbursement of the course fee.

1. Alberta Distance Learning courses can enhance local educational programs by providing instruction to students for whom classroom instruction cannot be provided in the subjects desired.
2. For students in Grades 1-9, approval for enrollment shall be provided by the principal in exceptional circumstances, or if the student is on the Elk Island Public Schools Home Education program. Exceptions may be made by the Superintendent/designate but parents may be responsible for the payment required by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.
3. Students in Grades 10-12 attending school, who are unable to register in a high school course they require may apply to the school principal for permission to take a distance learning course. Upon completion of the courses, the student may apply to the principal for a refund for the portion of the registration fee not refunded by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.
4. Alberta Distance Learning courses may be used in the Elk Island Public Schools Home Education program and the Outreach program.