



## **Homeschooling Other People's Children**

Can someone else homeschool your child? YES! If you choose the home education program, you become the "general contractor" of your child's education and take control of it. You have freedom, flexibility and funding! You can outsource bits and pieces of it to various places including:

online courses from other countries,

an U.S. or European online school

your childcare professional can cover certain topics at home while you work

you can hire tutors to teach, or

you can hire free-lance teachers,

you can get a homeschooling co-op together with other parents to share teaching duties among yourself or pool funds and hire a free-lance teacher to teach them.

Please note that you can't do any of these options on a Distance Education program like BlendED, Teacher-Directed, Paper-Based, Online, or the school part of Shared Responsibility. When you sign up with Distance Education, you are agreeing to sign over your responsibility for your child's education to the Alberta Government Funded School's responsibility. Distance education is delivered by the schools in Alberta and they must teach the Alberta Programs of Study outcomes.

Under Shared Responsibility, you share the responsibility and can outsource your portion of it under home education.

I home educated another child for the past 3 years in high school in addition to my son. (No, I didn't get paid. His awesome cheery company was

payment enough!) The benefits were a study buddy for my son and additional socialization and participation for our co-op teen discussion group that was parent-led at the libraries. The libraries have free meeting rooms so we could show films and have book discussions for everyone's individual English and Social Studies courses. (We also have board game days because the kids enjoyed each others company).

The school authority required my signature and the parent's signatures on a Third Party Authorization Form, so I could join the teacher visits and talk to the school board regarding his home education program. I would advise keeping the numbers small such as the Province's unregulated dayhome limit of 6 children. If you are teaching 30 kids in your basement, the government might consider you a school and start cracking down. Here are the relevant sections of the home education notification form that requires the information.

8. The address where the education program is to be conducted (if different from the above):

Street address or legal description			(Area code)	Telephone number
Community		Province	Postal Code	

9. The citizenship of the student and, if the student is not a Canadian citizen, the type of visa or other document by which the student is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent or temporary residence, and the expiry date of that visa or other document:

10. The estimated grade level of the student:

11. The name of the resident school board:

12. Education program and name of school or name of associate board or associate private school for the previous school year:

13. Is assistance required in preparing the home education program plan? (Check one)  Yes  No

14. Provide the name of the person(s) providing the home education program or instructing the home education program, if not the parent/guardian:

15. a) For associate school boards – please see note below: