

Homeschooling

Homeschoolers are not eligible to receive a British Columbia Dogwood Graduation Certificate.

A familiar and comfortable place to learn makes education enjoyable. Creating an excellent learning environment involves surroundings that are calm, secure and fun – just like at home.

Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the BC educational system. Typically, a family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home. Homeschooling programs **are not**:

- Supervised by a BC-certified teacher
- Required to meet provincial standards
- Inspected by the Ministry of Education

Parents Should Consider...

Homeschooling comes with great responsibility – choosing this option means parents must provide and supervise their child’s entire educational program, including curriculum and learning materials.

- [Find out about flexible learning options that lead to graduation](#)
- [Read the policy for homeschooled children](#)

Register Homeschoolers

By law, all children in B.C. must be educated, making it necessary for homeschooled children to be registered.

Parents who choose to homeschool must register their child by September 30th of each year. Contact one of the following B.C. schools to complete the registration process:

- [Public school](#)
- [Independent school](#)

Note: Children in Grades 10, 11, or 12 may enrol in a [distributed learning course](#) and also be registered as a homeschooler.

Self-Paced/Homeschooling Comparisons

	Traditional homeschooling	Public school distributed learning	Independent school distributed learning
Must meet the Learning Outcomes of the B.C. curriculum	No	Yes	Yes
Learning must be supervised by a B.C. teacher	No	Yes	Yes
Students must use district- or school-approved resources	No	Yes	Yes
Student progress must be evaluated by a teacher and report cards are prepared by a teacher 3 times a year	No	Yes	Yes
Must participate in provincial testing (provincial exams and Foundation Skills Assessments)	No	Yes	Yes
Religious texts / resources may be used	Yes	No	Yes
Status of student with school	Registered	Enrolled	Enrolled