

To Principal
cc Vice Principal and School Secretary

This letter is to notify you that I will be home educating my child or children as permitted by section 12 of the BC School Act, effective immediately.

Name of child: _____ Birth Date: _____

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Accordingly, I am requesting that you register my child as a homeschooler, as required by section 13(1) of the BC School Act. I do not wish to utilize an Online Learning Program or any of the transitional or remote options being developed by school boards in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that school boards must ensure that principals, vice principals or directors of instruction register homeschoolers when parents request it (School Act, section 13(2)).

If you are unfamiliar with homeschooling registration, the following points may be helpful. Homeschoolers are recorded on Form 1701 (see form completion instructions for details). Homeschoolers are not required to submit learning plans, report on progress, or have any further contact with their registering school beyond registration.

Registering schools are required to offer evaluation and assessment services, and the loan of educational resource materials, as described in the School Act, section 13(3) and School Regulation 265/89. Homeschoolers may also, with the board's permission, audit educational programs, subject to terms and conditions set by the board, including payment of fees (School Regulation 265/89). If a homeschool student wishes to obtain a BC Graduation Certificate (a "Dogwood" diploma), they can enrol in courses for grades 10-12 and complete the required 80 credits like any other student.

The legislation referred to above can be found on the government of BC website here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/manual-of-school-law>

The Ministry of Education policy on homeschooling can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/independent-schools/homeschooling>

Thank you for your time. Please confirm that the homeschooler registration is complete by replying to this email. If it is not complete, please let me know how to send you the necessary information to complete my child's homeschooler registration.

Sincerely,