

## REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME EDUCATION

- (i) The education received by the learner at home must :
  - (a) meet the minimum requirements of the curriculum at public schools; and
  - (b) be of a standard not inferior to the standard of education provided at public schools.
- (ii) Home education is a programme of education that a parent of a learner(s) may provide to his/her own child at their own home. In addition the parent may, if necessary, enlist the specific services of a tutor for specific areas of the curriculum.
- (iii) The parent(s) must contact the principal of a registered school of their choice regularly to keep in touch with the latest developments in education.
- (iv) The parent(s) must ensure that the learner registers in time and correctly for applicable examinations and that he/she sits for such examinations.
- (v) Neither the education department nor a school shall be held responsible for any shortcomings and/or other deficiencies in a learner's scholastic achievements.
- (vi) The parents are responsible for all expenses regarding the learner's education.
- (vii) Approval is granted per phase which will require official approval after completing each phase, to progress to the next phase of home tuition.
- (viii) The policy for the registration of learners for home tuition provides only for the registration of learners of school-going age, i.e. from Grade 1 to Grade 9, or from 7 to 15 years of age, whichever comes first. Parents must note that if they wish their child to continue with his or her school career after Grade 9 in the FET band (Grade 10 – 12) and doing the National Senior Certificate then that child must be registered at a public or independent school **in order to qualify for registration for the National Senior Certificate examinations.**
- (ix) The learner will receive at least 3 hours contact teaching time per school day, but the instructional time per week (excluding assemblies and breaks) at schools is as follows and it is recommended that it be adhered to:

Grade R – 2:	23 hours
Grade 3:	25 hours
Grades 4-6:	27 hours 30 minutes
Grade 7-9:	27 hours 30 minutes
Grades 8-12:	27 hours 30 minutes

## **Duties of the parent for the monitoring of home education**

After the learner has been registered for home education, the parent must perform the following duties:

- a. A record of attendance must be kept.
- b. A portfolio of the work of a learner must be kept. Up-to-date records of progression of a learner must be maintained. A portfolio of the work of the learner with evidence of intervention and other education support given to the learner must be kept. Such records must be made available for inspection by a duly authorised official of the provincial department of education.
- c. The parent must keep evidence of continuous assessment of the learner's work, which reflects the learner's progress towards achieving the outcomes of the learning programme. Evidence must also be kept of assessment/examinations at the end of each year of home education and at the end of grades 3, 6 and 9 stating whether or not the outcomes for these grades have been achieved.
- d. The parent must keep all relevant assessment results for a period of three years for monitoring by the Head of Department.
- e. At the end of every phase, the parent should appoint an independent, suitably qualified person(s) approved by the Head of Department at the parent's own expense for the assessment of the learner's progress at the end of the phase that the learner is completing. A parent may approach a public school or a registered independent school for assistance in obtaining such services. The person(s) must submit a statement to the Head of Department confirming that the learner so assessed has indeed reached the required level.
- f. Should a learner be admitted to a public school or registered independent school, the parent must request the Head of Department in writing to terminate the learner's registration for home education.