

Many home schooled children enter or re-enter the public school system at some time. When doing so, it is important to communicate with, and work through, the school district. When children enter school, they will first be placed age appropriately with their peers and this placement will be monitored and possibly adjusted by the school. There may be a need for a parent conference and/or informal/formal assessment by the school to determine placement. The goal is to make the transition into public schooling a positive experience for everyone. This process is important and it does take time. Parents are urged to contact the school district office prior to the beginning of the school year.

\*Please note that students who are home schooled are not eligible for a New Brunswick High School Diploma. Therefore, it is important to note the entrance requirements for a home schooled child at the post-secondary institutions that your child might wish to attend in the future.



For additional New Brunswick Curriculum information see the Web page

<http://www.qnb.ca/0000/anglophone-e.asp>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact your **School District Office**

<i>District</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
2	Moncton	856-3222
6	Rothesay	847-6262
8	Saint John	658-5300
10	St. Stephen	466-7301
14	Woodstock	325-4432
15	Dalhousie	684-7557
16	Miramichi	778-6301
17	Oromocto	357-4010
18	Fredericton	453-5454

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**Home Schooling  
Information  
Brochure**



In New Brunswick, the Minister of Education is responsible for administering the *Education Act*. The Act states that, as of July 1, 1999, children between five and eighteen years of age inclusive must attend school (section 15) unless the Minister is satisfied that the child is under “effective instruction elsewhere” (section 16).

If a parent chooses not to have his/her child schooled in the public education system, the parent must provide for the child’s “effective instruction” either at a recognized independent school or through home schooling. Home schooling is providing educational instruction at home by parents/guardians.

If you select the home schooling option rather than the public school system, there are steps to follow to obtain an official exemption from attending public school.

## ANNUAL APPLICATION PROCESS

1. An *Annual Home Schooling Application Form* is to be completed by parents choosing to home school their child(ren). This form asks for basic information only. It is important to remember that all areas of the curriculum need to be included, e.g. mathematics, music, health, science, language arts, French, art, social studies, technology, physical education, and career development. The *Annual Home Schooling Application Form* is to be completed by the parent/guardian.
2. The *Annual Home Schooling Application Form* must be submitted to the school district office. It will then be forwarded to the Minister of Education for approval.
3. This application process must be completed on an ANNUAL basis.



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The *Annual Home Schooling Application Form* allows the Minister of Education to confirm that children are receiving “effective instruction” according to the New Brunswick *Education Act*.

The Department of Education publishes curriculum documents describing grade level outcomes for each area of the curriculum. Some of the curriculum documents are available on the website, <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/anglophone-e.asp>.

Schools and districts are not required to supply resources for teaching of children being home schooled. However, in some cases arrangements can be made to borrow materials from a school for a one year period. These arrangements should be made directly with the school principal.

Home schooling is a full-time option, and the district is under no obligation to permit home schoolers part-time attendance at school, or involvement in school events, or in extra curricular activities.

It is important for you to review your child’s progress at regular intervals and adjust the program to accommodate his/her changing needs, interests and abilities. It is very important to keep samples of children’s work (e.g. projects, reports, tests, and dated writing

samples) in a portfolio. Over time, it can serve to show growth in the child’s development. As well, career development and employability skills should be part of the academic plan.

Home schooling can also be supplemented with resources found on various web sites.

Home schooled children are invited to take part in provincial assessment programs. If you are interested in obtaining more information or having your child included in the assessments, contact the district early in the school year.