

HOMESCHOOL POLICY

In recognition of the fact that there are parents who choose to Homeschool their children and are required by law to register their children with a public or independent school and the fact that Urban Academy wants to support parents in their selection of educational opportunities when and where possible, Urban Academy has adopted the following policies for registering Homeschool students:

1. Registration

Homeschooling parents registering their children at Urban Academy need to complete the appropriate forms available online or from the Homeschool Liaison (See Communications below). Registration needs to be done annually.

Deadline for Registration is September 30th.

Children may only be registered as Homeschooled with one educational institution or organization. Parents are required to notify Urban Academy should they wish to withdraw their children from the school's records and enroll them in a different school or educational organization.

2. Reimbursement

Urban Academy respects the rights of parents/caregivers to plan suitable education for their children. As part of our Homeschool program we offer reimbursement to parents of up to **\$130** for learning resources.

In order to receive the reimbursement, parents must submit receipts for the textbooks and/or learning materials by April 1st. Checks will be mailed out June 1st.

3 Textbooks and Other Resources

As stated above, Urban Academy will reimburse for purchased materials but presently does not offer learning materials for loan.

4. Testing

Homeschool parents may request their children to participate in Foundational Skills Assessments required by the B.C. Ministry of Education (grade 4) held in early May each year. Please contact the school by **April 5th** to assist in the ordering of the correct number of exams.

7. Student Support Services

Student support services (such as counseling, learning assistance or education for the gifted) are not available to Homeschool students through the school.

8. School Newsletters

The school newsletter is published monthly while school is in session. They can be emailed upon request. The newsletter is also available on the website.

9. Communications

Homeschool student families may contact their **Homeschool Liaison**, Laura Drummond@ 604-525-5969 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday should they require assistance. She may also be reached via email at info@urbanacademy.ca.

** Appointments will need to be made should parents wish to speak with staff or administration and can be arranged through Laura Drummond.