

The curriculum to be followed in all home schools must be approved in advance, according to the following procedures/guidelines:

1. The prescribed provincial core curriculum or an approved alternate is to be followed in a minimum of four areas of study:
 - English Language Arts (Listening , Speaking, Reading, Writing, Viewing)
 - Mathematics
 - Science(s)
 - Social Studies / World History / World Geography.
2. In addition to the requirements of the core curriculum, a minimum of two electives should be taken. These should be selected from areas such as:
 - Religious Education
 - Physical Education
 - French language
 - Art / music / fine arts
 - Practical arts / home economics / auto mechanics / computer.
7. A home schooled student who has special needs and is not able to meet the requirement of an age appropriate curriculum will require the development of an IEP. This plan will be designated by a team of appropriate service providers (e.g. Parent, Instructional Resource teacher, School Principal, Speech Language Pathologist, and Occupational Therapist). The IEP will be considered the student's curriculum based on indicated strengths and needs.
8. An alternative curriculum (other than that prescribed by the Department of Education) may be followed in the core curriculum areas under the following conditions:
 - Approval to follow the alternative must be obtained in advance.
 - The proposed curriculum must be compared with the Provincial "essential learning outcomes" as articulated in the various *Levels Handbooks*.
 - Where deficiencies are noted, supplementary resources and/or strategies must be in place to compensate.
 - The Assistant Director of Education – Programs, or designate, in consultation with the appropriate program specialist(s) will review the alternative curriculum of the grade level requested.
 - The implications for high school credit and possible university entrance must be considered when approving any home school program (see Section 13).
 - The costs of the home school program are the full responsibility of the parent(s) except as provided in Section 3.2(c).

Listing of Approved Alternative Curricula

This is a listing of those programs approved to the date of the current revision. Inclusion in the present list is not intended to indicate any preference for a particular program over any other. Other programs not listed will be reviewed for possible approval by the district staff on an as need basis.

- 1) ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) alternatively known as the “School of Tomorrow”.

Home School Department
School of Tomorrow
P.O. Box 299000
Lewisville, Texas, 75029-9000
Phone #: 1-800-925-7777
<http://www.aceministries.com/>

Canadian Social Studies curricula available through Canadian Office.

A.C.E. Canada
Box 1360
Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, R1N 3N9

- 2) Calvert School (Program Evaluation in Progress) - with optional student evaluation

Calvert School
105 Tuscany Road
Baltimore, MD, 21210 - 3098
Phone #: (410) 243-6030
Fax #: (410) 366-0674
<http://www.calvertschool.org/>

- 3) Home Study International/Griggs University (program evaluation in progress) - with optional student evaluation.

Home Study International
P.O. Box 4437 Fax #: (301) 680-6577
Silver Spring, MD, 20904
Phone #: (301) 680-6570
Fax #: (301) 680-6577
<http://www.hsi.edu/>

- 4) Sonlight
Sonlight Curriculum, Ltd. 8042 South Grant Way Littleton, CO 80122-2705

Phone # (303) 730-6292
Fax # (303) 795-8668
<http://www.sonlight.com/>

- 5) ABEKA Abeka Book, Inc. P.O. Box 19100 Pensacola, FL 32523-9100, U.S.A.
Phone (850) 478-8933 Fax (850) 478-8558
<http://www.abeka.com>