

Education Options in Alberta: Decision-Making Information for Parents



Homeschooling and online learning are the two major alternatives to in-person learning available in Alberta. It is important for families to understand the key differences between all education delivery options.

In-Person Learning

- Teacher-led in-person learning at school
- Curriculum follows the Alberta Program of Studies
- All subject matter is taught by certified teachers
- Student assessment is the responsibility of teachers
- Parents register their child(ren) with the school

Homeschooling

- Parent-led learning at home
- Curriculum is chosen and taught by the parent
- Student assessment is the responsibility of the parent
- Students must write provincial diploma exams to graduate
- Parents register their child(ren) with a certified homeschooling authority
- Parents create and submit an education program for approval by the authority
- The authority conducts two evaluations of student progress during the school year

Online Learning

- Teacher-led learning online
- Curriculum follows the Alberta Program of Studies
- All subject matter is taught by certified teachers
- Student assessment is the responsibility of teachers
- Learning typically occurs at home
- Parents register their child with an online/Outreach school
- Students have more responsibility for their own success

STAR Catholic will survey parents and guardians on their preference for education delivery. Depending on demand, the Division may or may not have the resources to offer this option. Parents and guardians are asked to indicate their preference for education delivery by Saturday, August 15.