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**Home Education  
(Parent Directed)  
Registration Form  
2024-2025**



# Program Descriptions

## Teacher-Directed Programs

### Online Education

- NorthStar's online program is a **teacher-directed approach** to education for grades 5 to 12 where teachers are responsible for the planning, instruction, and assessment of a student's learning.
- NorthStar Academy supports students who desire a flexible learning environment by providing instruction through our **learning management system** (Moodle) and access to certified Alberta teachers for further support.
- Our partnership with parents/supervisors is the key to our students' success. They help keep students accountable to their schedule and goals through regular check ins and ongoing communication.

### Print-based Resource Education

- NorthStar's print-based resource program is a **teacher-directed approach** to education for grades 1 to 9 where teachers are responsible for the planning, instruction, and assessment of a student's learning.
- NorthStar Academy supports students who desire a flexible learning environment by providing the majority of instruction through **approved print-based resources** and access to certified Alberta teachers for further support.
- Our partnership with parents/supervisors is the key to our students' success. They help keep students accountable to their schedule and goals through regular check ins and ongoing communication.

## Parent-Directed Program

### Home Education

- Home education is a **parent-directed approach** to education for grades K-12 where parents are responsible for the planning, implementation, and assessment of their child's learning.
- NorthStar Academy supports families who provide home education for their children by providing them with a supportive facilitator, resource funds, and access to a variety of learning experiences.
- Our staff is here to work with parents to customize their program and meet their children's specific needs. If families want to talk or are looking for teaching resources, NorthStar's teachers and administrative staff are available to help.

## Shared Responsibility Program (offered to Grs 1-12)

Each student in the shared responsibility program will have the opportunity to choose a **combination** of **teacher-directed** (online or PBR) courses and **parent-directed** learning. The minimum for the teacher-directed portion is 20% with a maximum of 80%. For a breakdown of the course percentages, please see the course selection page.

# Program Options Summary



	Teacher-Directed		Parent-Directed
	Online	Print-Based Resource	Home Education
<b>Home Learning Environment:</b>			
Reliable technology	✓	✓	Optional
Appropriate learning space	✓	✓	Optional
Daily school schedule	✓	✓	Optional
<b>Parent/Supervisor Responsibilities:</b>			
Direct supervision of student	✓	✓	✓
Check NSA emails daily	✓	✓	Weekly
Teaching and assessment	✗	✗	✓
Choice of resources	✗	Some	✓
Home visits	✗	✗	✓
<b>Student Responsibilities:</b>			
Check NSA emails daily	✓	✓	✗
Daily Moodle log-in	✓	✓	✗
Attend offered live instruction	✓	✓	✗
<b>Teacher Responsibilities:</b>			
Teaching and assessment	✓	✓	✗
Check NSA emails daily	✓	✓	✓
Home visits	✗	✗	✓
<b>School Supports:</b>			
Access to teacher-directed individual support plans	✓	✓	✗
PAT and Diploma exams	✓	✓	Available
Access to Activity Days and Celebration activities	✓	✓	✓



**Home Education registrations require a completed Home Ed plan for your child's upcoming school year, prior to acceptance.**

Please feel free to review the [Alberta Education Handbook](#). Here is a [basic Home Education Plan template](#) you may use if you find it helpful. In September, you will have the opportunity to consult your facilitator if you would like more support and make any changes. If you answered yes to question 13 on page 2 of the registration form, or have any questions before September, related to home education program planning, please contact **Angela Paine** at [angela.paine@nsaschool.ca](mailto:angela.paine@nsaschool.ca).

**Please submit your completed registration one of these ways:**

1. Download and save the registration form to your computer. Attach the completed form in an email to [office@nsaschool.ca](mailto:office@nsaschool.ca) Please be sure to sign page 4 and page 2 of the Golden Hills School Division FOIP form with an electronic signature **\*\*do not type your name in the signature line\*\***

***If you do not have an electronic signature, you must use method 2 or 3.***

2. Download and save the registration form to your computer. Complete the form, print the form, then sign page 4 and page 2 of the Golden Hills School Division FOIP form. **\*\*do not type your name in the signature line\*\*** Scan the completed form and email it to [office@nsaschool.ca](mailto:office@nsaschool.ca)
3. Download and save the registration form to your computer. Complete the form, print the form, then sign page 4 and page 2 of the Golden Hills School Division FOIP form. **\*\*do not type your name in the signature line\*\*** Mail the completed form to:

NorthStar Academy  
#200 550 Laura Ave  
Red Deer County, AB  
T4E 0A5

***Please note: if the student is 18 years or older, page 4 and page 2 of the FOIP form must be signed by the student.***

**Do not submit this registration form without including a completed Home Ed plan for your child's upcoming school year.**



7. The address and telephone number of the student: (Mailing Address)

Street address or legal description (Area code) Telephone number

Community (City) Province Postal Code

The address and telephone number of the parent (if different from the student's):

Street address or legal description (Area code) Telephone number

Community (City) Province Postal Code

8. The address where the education program is to be conducted (if different from the above):

Street address or legal description (Area code) Telephone number

Community (City) Province Postal Code

9. The citizenship of the student and, if the student is not a Canadian citizen, the type of visa or other document by which the student is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent or temporary residence, and the expiry date of that visa or other document:

10. The estimated grade level of the student: \_\_\_\_\_

11. The name of the resident school board: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Education program and name of school or name of associate board or associate private school for the previous school year: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is assistance required in preparing the home education program plan? (Check one)  Yes  No

14. Provide the name of the person(s) providing the home education program or instructing the home education program, if not the parent: \_\_\_\_\_

15. a) **For associate school boards** – please see note below:

If you wish to declare that you are an Aboriginal person, please specify:

Status Indian/First Nations  Non-Status Indian/First Nations  Métis  Inuit

*Alberta Education is collecting this personal information pursuant to section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act as the information relates directly to and is necessary to meet its mandate and responsibilities to measure system effectiveness over time and develop policies, programs and services to improve Aboriginal learner success. Alberta school boards are also collecting this information pursuant to the same section in conjunction with section 2(1)(t) of the Student Record Regulation and for the same purposes.*

For further information or if you have questions regarding the collection activity, please contact the office of the Director, Aboriginal Policy, Policy Sector, Strategic Services Division, Alberta Education, 10155-102 Street, Edmonton AB, T5J 4L5, (780) 427-8501. If you have questions regarding the collection activity by your school board, please contact the School Board Superintendent.

b) For associate private schools (if private school is a Level 2 Accredited Funded Private School) – please see note below:

If you wish to declare that you are an Aboriginal person, please specify:

- Status Indian/First Nations       Non-Status Indian/First Nations       Métis       Inuit

Alberta Education is collecting this personal information pursuant to section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act) as the information relates directly to and is necessary to meet its mandate and responsibilities to measure system effectiveness over time and develop policies, programs and services to improve Aboriginal learner success.

Pursuant to section 13 and 14 of the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA), Level 2 accredited private schools in Alberta are collecting this information in order to develop policies, programs and services to improve Aboriginal learner success.

For further information or if you have questions regarding the collection activity by Alberta Education, please contact the office of the Director, Aboriginal Policy, Strategic Services Division, Alberta Education, 10155-102 Street, Edmonton AB, T5J 4L5, (780) 427-8501. If you have questions regarding the collection activity by the school, please contact the school principal.

16. Section 23 Francophone Education Eligibility Declaration

Section 2 (1) of the Student Record Regulation states that:

\*To be completed only if associate board is supervising Home Education

The student record of a student must contain all information affecting the decisions made about the education of the student that is collected or maintained by a board, regardless of the manner in which it is maintained or stored including (s) if the parent of a student is eligible to have the student taught in the French language pursuant to section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a notation to indicate that and a notation to indicate whether the parent wishes to exercise that right.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

Citizens of Canada

- whose first language learned and still understood is French; or
- who have received their primary school instruction in Canada in French have the right to have their children receive primary and secondary instruction in French; or
- of whom any child has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in French in Canada, have the right to have all their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the same language.

In Alberta, parents can only exercise this right by enrolling their child in a French first language (Francophone) program offered by a Francophone Regional authority.

A. According to the criteria above as set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are you eligible to have your child receive a French first language (Francophone) education? (Please place an X in the appropriate box.)

- Yes       No       Do not know

B. If yes, do you wish to exercise your right to have your child receive a French first language (Francophone) education?

- Yes       No

## PART B Declaration by Parent

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ the student, declare to the best of my/our knowledge that the home education program and the activities selected for the home education program will enable the student (check as applicable):

- to achieve the outcomes contained in the Alberta Programs of Study.  
 to achieve the outcomes contained in the Schedule included in the Home Education Regulation.

In addition, I/We understand and agree that the instruction and evaluation of my/our child's progress is my/our responsibility and that the associate board or private school will supervise and evaluate my/our child's progress in accordance with the Home Education Regulation.

I/We understand and agree that the development, administration and management of the home education program is our responsibility.

Parents who provide home education programs acknowledge that there are implications when they choose to use programs different from the Alberta *Programs of Study*:

1. Students may not apply to a high school principal for high school credits.
2. Students may not receive an Alberta High School Diploma.

Any student in a home education program may write a high school diploma examination. However the diploma examination mark achieved will stand alone and will not result in a final course mark unless accompanied by a recommendation for credit by a high school principal. A final course mark requires both a school awarded mark and a diploma examination mark. Arrangements to write diploma examinations should be made well in advance of the writing date by contacting the associate school board or associate private school for assistance or Learner Assessment Branch at 780-427-0010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) of Supervising Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(mm / dd / yyyy)

**\*\*Please sign - do not type your name (you may have to print this page to sign this form)\*\***

## **PART C Associate School Board or Associate Private School Notification of Acceptance**

As per Section 2(3) of the *Home Education Regulation* the associate board or associate private school must reply in writing to the parent not more than 15 school days after the date on which it is notified whether it agrees to supervise or continue to supervise the Home Education Program.

This agreement  is accepted  is not accepted by the  is provisionally accepted by

**NorthStar Academy Canada, #200 550 Laura Ave, Red Deer County, T4E 0A5 403-335-9587**

(Print the name, address and phone number of the associate board or private school)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Superintendent or Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
(mm / dd / yyyy)

## **PART D Requirements for the Home Education Program for Components of the Program that Do Not Follow the Alberta Programs of Study**

If portions of the student program will enable the student to achieve the outcomes contained in the Schedule included in the Home Education Regulation, please attach according to this Form the required written description of the Home Education Program for a student who is following the *Schedule of Learning Outcomes for Students Receiving Home Education Programs That Do Not Follow the Alberta Programs of Study*:

1. Describe in the home education program plan, the instructional method to be used, the activities planned for the program and how the instructional method and the activities will enable the student to achieve the learning outcomes contained in the Schedule.
2. Identify the resource materials, if different from provincially authorized materials, to be used for instruction.
3. Describe the methods and nature of the evaluation to be used to assess the student's progress, the number of evaluations and how the evaluation addresses the learning outcomes in Question 1.
4. Describe the associate board or associate private school facilities and services that the parent wishes to use.



## Golden Hills School Division No. 75

### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act Page 1

Golden Hills School Division No. 75 is collecting personal information about you and your child with this Student Registration Form. This personal information is necessary to provide an educational program for your child and ensure a safe school environment for all students and staff.

**Some of the ways the school or district may use personal information are listed below. The Information and Privacy Commissioner's office states that the district does not require written consent from you to:**

- Share information with Alberta Education.
- Use a student's name, related contact information, and telephone numbers to check on a student who is absent.
- Take and use individual, class, team, club, or school videos/photos within the school community for internal school purposes as part of the delivery of educational programs or services (not for external uses such as websites or brochures).
- Use a student's name on artwork or material to be displayed at the school or other division sites.
- Use a student's name on lists such as an honour roll, scholarship, or other awards within the school or division.
- Use a student's name and academic information when the school wishes to apply for provincial and federal awards or scholarships on behalf of the student.

This is not a complete list, but it gives some examples of how the personal information may be used. Your son or daughter may attend or participate in school activities that are open to the general public. Some examples of these activities are sporting competitions, concerts, cultural programs, clubs, field trips, graduation, or other ceremonies. Photos and videos may be taken by members of the public including journalists and media reporters. The division cannot control or prevent the further distribution or use of these photos, videos, images, or other personal information.

**Written consent is required to use a student's personal information for any purpose other than educational programming or the safety of students and staff. Written consent can be revoked at any time by notifying the school principal in writing. Please refer to the attached *FOIP Consent Form*.**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, Golden Hills School Division is authorized and required under the provisions of the School Act and its regulations to collect and use the personal information to provide an educational program and ensure a safe and secure school environment for students.

Under Section 39(1) of the FOIP Act, the school division may use personal information only (a) for the purpose for which the information was collected or compiled or for a use consistent with that purpose; (b) if the individual the information is about has identified the information and consented, in the prescribed manner, to the use; or (c) for a purpose for which the information may be disclosed to that public body under section 40, 42, or 43. Another use of personal information requires written consent. If no written consent is obtained, the personal information cannot be used or disclosed.

Please note that the signature on the student registration form does not indicate consent for the use of this information. If you have questions or concerns regarding the collection or intended uses of this information, please contact the school principal.

Your name, home phone number, home address and postal code are collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of a public body). This information will be used to provide an educational program and ensure a safe and secure school environment for students.

If you have any questions about the collection, contact the FOIP Coordinator, 435A Highway No. 1, Strathmore, Alberta T1P 1J4 or 403-934-5121 ext. 2024.

**Golden Hills School Division No. 75  
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act Page 2**

**FOIP Consent Form**

It has become common practice for our students to be working to gather information, connect to other learners on projects and share their work or activities. Your child's name and image could appear on the school or school division's website, YouTube, or social media site and your consent is required. Consent can be revoked at any time by notifying the school principal in writing. The following are examples where written consent is required:

- Use of a student's name, photo, or video in external publications (such as an School website, local newspaper or media or a promotional brochure).
- Use class, team, club, or school videos/photos that are taken within the school community on the school external website or for marketing purposes.
- Use of a student's name on artwork/material to be displayed in the community.
- Video or audio recordings posted online (may include technologies such as social media and other emerging technologies).

**Choose one of the following to indicate your voluntary consent for your child:**

I consent for my child's information such as photographs, awards, scholarships, prizes, newsletter information, team lists, assignments or projects, art work, video and/or audio recording, interviews, school publications, advertisements, and promotional materials to be used by my child's school or by Golden Hills School Division

I do not give consent for my child's information such as photographs, awards, scholarships, prizes, newsletter information, team lists, assignments or projects, art work, video and/or audio recording, interviews, school publications, advertisements, and promotional materials to be used by my child's school or by Golden Hills School Division

**Note:** The Division cannot control how the information may be distributed, including print, broadcasts, photographs, and the Internet (for example, websites, online video and social media).

**Note:** The school and school division will not approve any provincial or national public media interviews involving students without the express consent of parents.

I, being the parent/legal guardian of the student named below, have read and understand the information provided.

Student's Name:	Grade:
School:	NorthStar Academy
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s) #1</b>	Date:
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Signature(s) #2</b>	Date:

*\*Please sign, do not type your name (you may have to print this page to sign this form)*

Note: Only persons having legal guardianship of the student may sign this consent form as parent or legal guardian.