



Freedom Teachers Information Package



Building Community

Our education vision is that, in partnership with parents, we will endeavour to guide, teach, and encourage students in their development as learners who are created with their own unique set of attributes, interests, talents, and personalities. Our educators will foster appropriate educator-student relationships based on mutual respect, dignity, integrity, and compassion.

Student Development

Core to our approach to curriculum and engagement is the understanding of the developmental stages of children, and that each child is unique in their development, abilities, skill sets, and talents. In endeavouring to meet or exceed prescribed standards at each level of development and grade level, our educators will recognize, diagnose, and accommodate, to the best of their ability, the multiple ways that students learn.

Fostering Resilience

Core to our belief in creating an engaging and rigorous learning environment is fostering in each student the resilience to overcome the challenges and obstacles they will encounter as unique learners. During this process each student will have the opportunity to develop their character and tolerance for failure as they engage in the practice of advancing their knowledge, skills, talents, and abilities. Our educators will design strategies that equip students with effective tools that help overcome frustration and other negative emotions and obstacles that impede learning.

Roles of Parents and Educators

Beliefs, faith, morals and socialization are critical attributes best nurtured by parents in the family setting. It is not the role of our school or its educators to take the lead role in developing these critical attributes, but rather to support and respect the sacred bond that exists between the child and their parents, and to model exceptional and professional behaviour in respecting the institution of the family.

Learning Environment and Safety

In addition to our educational objectives, the physical and emotional safety of the students entrusted to us is of equal priority. We will provide resources that meet all necessary standards of safety. We will provide the supervision and promote behavioural expectations that establish a safe and respectful environment. Our educators, volunteers, and staff will follow guidelines and procedures that support a safe learning environment.

Please Note: All information included in this package is subject to change and based on the current needs and functions of our Calgary NW Learning Pod.

Freedom Teachers offers:

- Learning Pod support
- Learning Pod Organization
- Homeschool transition support
- Providing a common place to find all of the available educators, pods, and learning opportunities across the province (including but not limited to Freedom Teachers Pods)
- Certified educators that have a clear background / vulnerable sector check, as well as first aid certification
- Flexible payment and support options
- Community building opportunities
- Support with curriculum and assessment linked to your program

Which Homeschooling resources do you choose?

We strive to have parents who are interested in a pod connected through one, common, home school program. In our Calgary NW pod, parents have found value in the programming offered by Wisdom Homeschooling. Link here <https://wisdomhomeschooling.com>. They offer mid year transitions and still have a few spots available for parents to register.

Parents are encouraged to connect with these resources to see what alternatives are available to them and research what options are best for them and their child.

<http://albertahomeschooling.ca/>

<https://www.aheaonline.com/>

<https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com>

<https://homeschoolcanada.ca/homeschooling-by-province/alberta/>

<https://www.canadianhomeeducation.com/canadian-home-school-boards>

What does the transition from traditional programming to homeschooling look like?

Information on how the transition looks can be found here. There are many things to consider but don't be overwhelmed. The process is not nearly as complicated as you think, and there are many available to support you.

<http://albertahomeschooling.ca/firststeps.html>

What calendar do Pods follow?

Our pod follows stat holidays, calendar holidays, and extended breaks where parents see value and require support. This may be different from the traditional calendar the schools are following and may change depending on the pod.

What resources do our Pods use?

Our pod uses a blend of learning approaches that are student and subject specific.

Social Studies and Science are taken from the AB program of Study and focus on the “Big Ideas” of the content, including ideas like independent and critical thinking, understanding the world around us, and citizenship.

What does a daily schedule look like?

Below is a general outline of what the schedule could look like in your pod. All information is subject to change according to the needs of the pod.

Monday - Thursday / Half Day Fridays

8:30am - 9:00am- Soft open (centres)

9:00am-10:00am- Writing

10:00am-10:30am- snack / body break

10:30am-11:30- Math

11:30am-12:15pm- Physical Literacy, body break, positive play

12:15pm-1:00pm- Literacy Centres / spelling / reading

1:00pm-1:30pm- Lunch **Parent pick up if only doing mornings**

1:30pm-2:30pm- Student Options / Music / Art etc

2:30pm- 3:30pm science/social (experiments etc)

3:30pm **Parent pick up**

What does pricing look like?

\$400/Month Academic support 8:30am-1:00pm. Monday to Thursday

\$500/Month Academic support 8:30am-1:00pm. Monday to Friday

\$750/Month Academic support 8:30am-3:30pm. Monday to Thursday / Friday half days

+ extra community/citizenship building, big ideas Social Studies & Science/social opportunities. Science Projects.

Minimum commitment Monday - Thursday

Pricing and times are subject to change based on a variety of factors

Disclaimer:

Freedom Teachers is an education support network, working to connect and support families and educators through community initiative and outreach.

Freedom Teachers is *not* an alternative education program. We are a tutoring service connecting parents with educators who are exploring, and looking to take the lead in the transition to, alternative education options for their children.

Freedom Teachers does not provide education advice. Only parents know what is best for their child.

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