

Home education

Quick facts:

- At the beginning of the 2018 school year, there were 3 563 students registered for home education across Western Australia.
- The total number of students from Pre-primary to Year 12 in public and private schools is currently 420,396, which means home educated students represent 0.8% of the total student population in Western Australia.

Overview:

Parents have the option to register for home education as an alternative to enrolling their children at a school. Home educators are fully responsible for their children's education including planning and delivering the educational program and monitoring the student's progress. The Department of Education monitors home education programs through an initial evaluation in the first three months and follow-up evaluations every year thereafter.

Registration:

Home education is managed by the Department of Education's regional offices for families living in their local areas. Parents whose children are school-aged – known as in the compulsory education period – must register with their local regional office if they wish to teach their children at home. The compulsory education period is from the beginning of the year in which the child reaches the age of five years and six months, until the end of the year in which the child reaches the age of 17 years and six months or reaches the age of 18 years, whichever occurs first.

Evaluation:

Regional Executive Directors appoint home education moderators whose role is to evaluate the education program being provided and whether the student's progress is satisfactory. During evaluation meetings moderators refer to the Western Australian Curriculum and home educators provide evidence of their children's progress.

Resources:

Students registered for home education are entitled to access in-term swimming classes (primary school age students), medical and dental services provided by the Department of Health, student travel permits (SmartRider card) and, where eligible, the Secondary Assistance Scheme (secondary students only).

Registered home educators can access Scootle, a web-based resource bank that provides access to digital teaching and learning content published by Education Services Australia.



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