

Background

PPM 131 (issued on June 17, 2002) outlines the responsibilities for parents and school boards with respect to Home Schooling.

PPM 131 can be found at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/131.html>

Situation

Parents who decide to provide home schooling for their child(ren) should notify the school board of their intent in writing. Parents should provide the name, gender, and date of birth of each child who is receiving home schooling, and the telephone number and address of the home. The letter should be signed by the parent(s). Parents may use a sample letter provided by the Ministry of Education.

Normally, notification of intent to home school is submitted to the Principal of the child's zoned school. The Principal forwards this information to the Education Officer. A letter of acknowledgement is returned to the parent/guardian and a copy is sent to the zoned school for attendance recording and inclusion in the OSR.

Procedures Schools

When parents give a board written notification of their intent to provide home schooling for their child, the board (and zoned school) consider the child to be excused from attendance at school and **the student is taken off role**. The board accepts the written notification of the parents each year as evidence that the parents are providing satisfactory instruction at home.

There is **no longer a process for meeting with parents/guardians** or presenting or monitoring the instruction/curriculum being provided. If there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the child is not receiving satisfactory instruction at home, the board should take steps to determine whether the instruction is satisfactory. Contact the Education Officer if you suspect that a child is not receiving satisfactory instruction through home schooling.