

Distributed Learning vs Homeschooling

The differences between Distributed Learning (DL) and Homeschooling programs are as follows:

Distributed Learning Students:	Homeschooled Children:
<p>Students are enrolled in a public or independent school distributed learning program where the majority of the learning takes place at a distance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › DL program is the responsibility of the public or independent school › DL program is directed and supervised by a British Columbia-certified teacher (parents may assist in facilitating the learning process, but are not the teachers) › DL program must meet provincial standards as outlined in the <i>School Act</i> or <i>Independent School Act</i> › Students must receive on-going regular assessments, report cards, provincial letter grades and a permanent student record, as would students in a neighbourhood school 	<p>Homeschooled children are registered at a school (public, francophone or independent school) in the province by September 30th each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Homeschooled children's educational program is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide and supervise the educational program. › Homeschooling program does not have to meet provincial standards › Homeschooling is not inspected by the Ministry of Education › Homeschoolers in Grades 10 to 12 have the option to write provincial exams › Students do not receive a British Columbia Dogwood graduation certificate
Distributed Learning Schools:	Homeschooling:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › School districts receive the same annual per-pupil funding for students enrolled in a distributed learning program as they do for students enrolled in a school; › Independent schools receive either 50% (Group 1) or 35% (Group 2) of the per pupil public school distributed learning rate. › Public schools must offer a strictly secular program as per the School Act. › Independent school distributed learning may incorporate faith-based curriculum as 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › A registering school district receives \$250 per child and an independent school receives \$175. › These funds are provided for administering the registration process and offering educational resources and assessment instruments to parents. › Homeschooled children may write Grade 12 provincial examinations at their registering school and receive a

provided for in the

[Independent School Act.](#)

- › All public distributed learning programs in British Columbia must be able to demonstrate compliance with the [Public School Distance Education Policy.](#)
- › All independent school distributed learning programs must meet the [Independent School Distributed Learning Standards.](#)

Ministry examination (not course) mark.

Comparisons at a glance	Traditional Homeschooling	Public School DL	Independent School DL
Must meet the Learning Outcomes of the B.C. curriculum	No	Yes	Yes
Learning must be supervised by a B.C. teacher	No	Yes	Yes
Students must use District or school approved resources	No	Yes	Yes
Student's progress must be evaluated by teacher; report cards are to be prepared by teacher 3 times a year	No	Yes	Yes
Must participate in Provincial testing. (Graduation Exams and Foundation Skills Assessment, grades 4 & 7)	No	Yes	Yes
Religious texts/resources may be used	Yes	No	Yes

Status of student with school	Registered	Enrolled	Enrolled
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