

H O M E L I N K S

School District #8 Kootenay Lake

“We focus on excellence for all learners in a nurturing environment”

Parent Handbook

for the 2015-16 school year



The five elements of BC Education plan

From the Ministry of Education:

BC's Ed Plan is based upon a simple principle: every learner will realize their full potential and contribute to the well-being of our province.

To move our education system from good to great, the Plan has five key elements:

1. **Personalized learning for every student**
2. **Quality teaching and learning**
3. **Flexibility and choice**
4. **High standards**
5. **Learning empowered by technology**

Visit www.bcedplan.ca for complete details.



School District #8 Board of education student expectations:

1. Academic Success
2. Creativity and Imagination
3. Citizenship
4. Resiliency

Visit www.sd8.bc.ca for more details.

What To Expect from the Homelinks Program:

- A **Collaboratively** planned student learning plan (SLP) connecting to BC's Education plan
- Access to resources
- A **personalized** program for your child's learning needs
- **Unique** learning needs to be assessed and determine support that the student learning funds (SLF) can be used for (ie tutoring to support continuous learning)
- **Flexibility** of the program for travel, learning passions etc.
- **Ongoing communication**/conferences
- To incorporate learning into an interdisciplinary approach

Families Roles

Expect to:

- Spend a significant portion of your time working with your child establishing an educational routine
- Bring in evidence of ongoing learning
- Submit a portfolio 3 times a year to be assessed by a BC certified teacher using approved ministry of education programs and standards (differences allowed for grade 10-12 programs)
- Planned activities October to May will cover many learning outcomes
- Contribute to conversations pertaining to activities, events for your classroom. Final decisions rests with the liaison teacher and their professional judgment.
- Complete activation assignments by September 20th (no later than the 30th) demonstrating commitment to the program. This calculates budgets and staffing.

Also look for:

- Yearly school calendar with holidays and closure days
- Weekly site based newsletters of upcoming activities
- Parent workshops around strategies for teaching and learning, making work interdisciplinary



Other noteworthy information:

Expect:

- Unique learning needs to be assessed and determine support that the student learning funds (SLF) can be used for (ie tutoring to support continuous learning)
- Forms (yes we need these too) from your liaison teacher for requested materials, third party providers.
- Teachers to be available to make appointments during campus hours. Regular contact with your liaison teacher through email, face to face, and phone conversations
- Join a passionate community oriented group of people as home learners



Expect an amazing learning journey with your child.

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