



### THE BASIC EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF EVERY CHILD

1. Parents who plan to provide instruction for their children at home shall guarantee that the rights of their children are being met by:
  - 1.1 Informing the School Board each year of the name and age of any child, between six and sixteen years inclusive, of their intent to instruct their child(ren) at home. This will enable the Board to meet its obligation to inform the Ministry of Education of any children under its jurisdiction who are not in attendance at school. [(Education Act: Section 170 Part (1) (15) ]
  - 1.2 Providing appropriate instruction at the developmental level and capabilities of their child(ren).
  - 1.3 Providing appropriate learning opportunities and ongoing growth in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.
  - 1.4 Providing opportunities to practice social skills through interaction with a variety of people.
2. In cases where a report is received that a child is being denied these rights by a parent or guardian, the attendance counsellor shall investigate. If the attendance counsellor believes that concern is warranted, she/he shall:
  - Forward the parent's name to the appropriate superintendent, and
  - Inform the parent that a report has been received and that the superintendent or his/her designate will make contact to determine that the minimum rights of the child are being met.
3. Where the parent refuses to co-operate with the superintendent of his/her designate, the Board's Attendance Counsellor shall forward the parent's name to the Provincial School Attendance Counsellor for non-compliance. A recommendation shall be made that a Board of Inquiry should be established to ensure that the child's rights are being protected.