

**Philosophy:**

Mt. Sophia recognizes that parents are primarily responsible for the education of their children. As such, we do not wish to unduly burden parents with excessive or onerous regulations. This is especially true of the elementary grades, when parents should feel free to structure the educational program according to the child's (and family's) needs and interests. There is no one right way to home school your children. However, there remains the need to provide an accountability structure and to maintain home schooling's reputation for providing academic excellence.

**Requirements:**

Cost per family is \$75.00

**1. Meetings**

Each family will meet with their portfolio reviewer twice per year – for a mid-year (January) and end of year (June) review.

Families new to home schooling will also meet with their portfolio reviewer at the beginning of the first year to review their goals, curriculum, and plan.

**2. Attendance**

Each family must complete 180 days of home schooling and keep a record of these days.

**3. Instruction**

At minimum, age- or ability-appropriate instruction must be provided in the following subjects:

- Math
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education / Health & Safety

**4. Goals and Evaluations**

Each family must provide a short evaluation for each child in each subject.

**5. Discrepancies in Portfolio Review**

If a portfolio reviewer has questions that the educational requirements are being met, he/she may require that the family meet with Marilyn Groop or Barb Varnell at Munt Sophia's expense. If more than one meeting is necessary, subsequent visits will be at the family's expense.