

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 homeschooling's reputation for providing academic excellence.

Requirements:

Cost per family is \$85.00

1. Meetings

Each family will meet with their portfolio reviewer twice each 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 Mount Sophia's expense. If more than one meeting is necessary, subsequent visits will be at the family's expense.