



Registration vs. Enrollment in British Columbia, CANADA

	Registration	Enrollment
Terminology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeschooler Homeschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home learner Home-based student Online Learner Online School Provincial Online Learning School (POLS) Provincial Online Learning School – Independent (POLS-I)
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register: to state your intent to the government that you will be educating your children autonomously in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the BC School Act. Home Schooler: a child registered under Sec. 12 of the BC School Act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll: to have a child participate, at school or at home, in an educational program provided by a public or independent school and administered and assessed by a BC certified teacher. Home Learner / Home-based Student: a child enrolled in an online learning school, provided by a public or independent POLS. The BC Ministry of Education does not consider students enrolled in public or independent POLS “homeschooled”. A POLS is “no different than a neighbourhood school, just a different delivery method”
Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register at a public or independent school Deliver instruction at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May learn at home Are enrolled in a public or independent POLS
Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent(s) must provide their child(ren) with “an educational program” May use any learning resource of their choice, and Are not obligated to follow provincially prescribed curriculum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use learning resources recommended by the Ministry of Education or approved by the Board or Authority If enrolled in an independent school (POLS-I), may use religious materials as part of their educational program (not true if registered in a POLS)

Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise complete independence and control over their children's education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are obligated to meet learning standards in Provincial or Board/Authority Approved courses
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have a teacher certified by the BC Teacher Regulation Branch leading their educational program, including assignment and assessment of activities
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are issued formal student progress reports by the POLS Formal reporting is continuous throughout the year
Assessments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in provincial assessments (Foundation Skills Assessment and provincial examinations/assessments). Through observing activities, communicating with the family, and examining work samples, the teacher can identify sufficient evidence of learning. Formal assessments involve a teacher review of work samples either through a home visit or by submission of a student portfolio. Samples of student writing, mathematics, and reading documentation are needed for the student's files.
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can choose to purchase curricula that comes as a "whole package" with teacher's guides, scope and sequences, etc., often with wonderful support from the publisher or online user groups via e-mail lists or message boards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you enroll in a POLS or POLS-I program, you will automatically have to follow provincial learning standards and the teacher will provide you with optional curriculum materials and tests otherwise you may choose your own curriculum to meet learning standards.
Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not eligible for a Dogwood Diploma or Evergreen Diploma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible for a Dogwood Diploma or Evergreen Diploma

How to Use Daily Wonder as a Homeschooler and Home Learner

Homeschooler (Registered)	Home Learner (Enrolled)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As your entire Educational Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Wonder meets all the required Learning Standards as set out by the BC Ministry of Education. Each daily guide will show which learning standards will be met. How do we know it meets the BC Ministry of Education Learning Standards? Because we ran an independent Waldorf school in BC for 10 years and we were required to adjust our traditional Waldorf curriculum to show that we were meeting BC's Learning Standards. You can use Daily Wonder curriculum alongside your prescribed POLS or POLS-I curriculum. During your home visits through observing activities, communicating with your family, and examining work samples, the teacher can identify sufficient evidence of learning. At POLS you can work with your teacher to create a Student Learning Plan (SLP) that will work best for your child and your family. The SLP will outline the learning standards for your child's grade level and which materials and resources you will use to achieve these. Daily Wonder can be used as your child's curriculum and you can list this on your child's SLP.

References

Further reading:

- BC Home Educators Association <https://bchea.ca/>
- BC Ministry of Education <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling>

BC POLS examples

- Partners in Education [https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/About/handbook/enrollment/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/About/handbook/enrollment/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- Navigate NIDES <https://www.navigatenides.com/>

BC POLS-I example

- Self-Design <https://www.selfdesign.org>