



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. You can teach through a home-based private school or a church school without a teaching degree. A private tutor needs an Alabama teaching certificate. School attendance generally applies from age 6 until 17; a written request can delay entry to 7.

Can I choose what to teach?

- You can choose your own books and lessons. Private schools must include physical education. A certified tutor teaches public-school subjects. Church schools may set their own course requirements.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Private and church schools have no fixed statewide homeschool day or hour total. Certified tutors teach at least 3 hours daily for 140 days.

How do I get started?

- Private school: Register with the local superintendent by October 10 and make the required enrollment and absence reports.
- Church school: Enroll your child and file the enrollment form signed by the parent and church-school official. Follow the school's reporting process.
- Certified tutor: File pupil and subject information with the superintendent before teaching.

Is testing required?

- No state-required annual homeschool test or evaluation. Keep an attendance register and make the reports for your chosen school arrangement.

How Faith Schooling Makes It Easier

- [Faith Readers](#) supports K–5 reading and phonics; [Grammar Garden](#) supports language and writing; [Building Number Sense](#) provides K–5 mathematics.
- Use these lessons for literacy and math, then add physical education and other subjects for your chosen school. The free [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps plan a week, including the tutor schedule if that is your arrangement.

Official sources — click the underlined links

[Official homeschool guidance](#)

[Alabama school attendance law](#)



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