



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. A parent or tutor with a high school diploma or accepted equivalent can teach; a teaching license is not required. School attendance generally applies from the sixth to the sixteenth birthday.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your own curriculum. Teach reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science.

How do I get started?

- File a Declaration of Intent with GaDOE within 30 days of starting and by September 1 each later year.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide 180 days with at least 4.5 hours per day, unless your child is physically unable to meet that daily requirement. You choose the dates.

Is testing required?

- Give an appropriate nationally standardized test at least every 3 years, beginning at the end of grade 3.
- Write a yearly progress report for each required subject and keep it for at least 3 years. Reports and test results stay with your family; routine submission is not required.

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.
- Add social studies and science to the literacy and math programs. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps organize your 180 days. Finished lessons can help you write your annual subject reports; arrange the required standardized testing separately.

Official sources — click the underlined links

[Official homeschool guidance](#)

[Georgia current home-study law](#)



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