



## HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

### Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. Parents have several ways to teach at home without a teaching license. This guide centers on Independent Private Instruction, a parent-directed choice. Attendance generally applies from age 6 to under 16 by September 15.

### Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your own curriculum. Independent Private Instruction includes math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies.

### Can I choose my schedule?

- Independent Private Instruction has no fixed day or hour minimum. You choose the schedule.

### How do I get started?

- You do not need to submit Form A or register Independent Private Instruction routinely. If the superintendent requests information in writing, provide the instructor, location, responsible person, and enrolled children.

### Is testing required?

- No required annual test or routine progress report for Independent Private Instruction. You may keep learning records for your own use.

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## YOUR CURRICULUM & NEXT CHOICES

### 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 science and social studies to the literacy and math sequence. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps plan your own calendar, and [HARVEST](#) offers an optional reading placement check.

### Other choices & helpful details

- Another choice is Competent Private Instruction: it requires at least 148 days, with 37 each quarter. A parent may choose an option without routine reporting/testing; licensed-teacher, reporting, or dual-enrollment choices have additional forms or progress requirements. Review the state comparison before selecting services.
- Looking ahead: Iowa's 2026 law recognizes qualifying homeschool diplomas and final transcripts for state-law purposes.

### Helpful tools for your family

- Start with your child's current skills. [HARVEST](#) is a free parent-guided reading placement check. It helps plan lessons; it is not a state-required standardized test or certified evaluation.
- The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) is a free weekly planning tool. Keep any legally required attendance or hour records separately.
- Select complementary resources for the other subjects your state requires. The linked literacy and math programs are not a complete science, social studies, history, health, or government curriculum.

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