



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. You can teach at home without a teaching license. Louisiana offers two arrangements. This guide explains BESE-approved home study and the independent nonpublic-school alternative. Attendance generally applies from 5 by September 30 to under 18.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your curriculum. BESE home study must provide sustained instruction comparable in quality to public schooling at your child's grade. Cover a broad program, including language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide at least 180 school days. You choose the lesson times; the home-study statute does not set a separate hourly quota.

How do I get started?

- For BESE home study, apply within 15 days of starting with the required assurances and certified birth-certificate copy. Renew by October 1 or 12 months after initial approval, whichever is later.

Is testing required?

- For renewal, submit an accepted curriculum/work packet, qualifying test evidence, or other allowed verification. A standardized test is one option, not the only way.

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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, social studies, and other grade-appropriate learning. Printable lessons and completed work can help build your BESE renewal packet. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps organize 180 learning days.

Other choices & helpful details

- Independent alternative: Register a nonpublic school not seeking state approval and report attendance/enrollment within 30 days of the school term's start each year. It requires 180 days but no BESE curriculum approval or annual test/renewal packet. Give the prior public school written withdrawal notice within 10 days. This option has different diploma and scholarship treatment.

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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