



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. Parents can teach without a teaching certificate, but the local district must approve the home-education plan in advance. Compulsory school ages are generally 6–16.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Design your own curriculum, including religious materials. Show how your subjects and learning goals provide instruction comparable to local public schooling. A broad plan includes language arts, math, science, social studies, health/PE, and arts.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Propose your schedule in the plan. The district may review learning time for comparability; there is no single fixed statewide homeschool calendar.

How do I get started?

- Obtain your district's homeschool policy, submit your plan, and receive approval before beginning or withdrawing. Include materials, instructor qualifications, subjects, schedule, and proposed progress checks.
- Follow the local renewal process; statewide law has no uniform form or deadline.

Is testing required?

- Use the progress checks in your approved plan. These may be agreed tests, reports, or work samples. Independent homeschoolers do not have a statewide MCAS testing requirement.

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.
- Describe these literacy and math materials in your proposed plan, and add your other subjects. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps outline a week. Printable work can support the progress checks agreed with your district.

Official sources — click the underlined links

[Official homeschool guidance](#)

[Massachusetts law and home-education court guidance](#)

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