



## HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

### Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. You can educate your child at home without a teaching certificate by filing for exempt-school status. Attendance generally applies if your child turns 6 before January 1 and is under 18; an age-six delay affidavit may allow starting at 7.

### Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your curriculum. Provide language arts, math, science, social studies, and health. Instructors must be able to teach the program you describe.

### Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide at least 1,032 hours for elementary students or 1,080 for secondary students. You choose your schedule; partial-year enrollment can be prorated.

### How do I get started?

- File the yearly election and assurances with NDE before starting; renew by July 15. Provide required identity documents for new students and complete the current instructor assurances.
- Begin after NDE has received your filing; keep the acknowledgment. If enrolled elsewhere, communicate withdrawal to the current school.

### Is testing required?

- No required annual state standardized test. Personal work samples and learning records are recommended, not annual submissions. Nonreligious elections must meet applicable immunization requirements; all programs meet applicable health and safety rules.

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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 health. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps plan elementary learning hours; lesson materials and completed work support your program records.

### Other choices & helpful details

- Current 2026 rules restrict instructors convicted of specified sexual offenses or child abuse/neglect. The linked Rule 13 contains those eligibility conditions and the new safeguards for children in an active abuse/neglect investigation.

### 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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