



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. A parent or guardian can operate a homeschool; each instructor needs at least a high school diploma or equivalent. A teaching license is not required. Attendance generally applies from 5 by September 1 to under 18, subject to statutory exceptions.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose or create your curriculum. Teach reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science. NMPED does not approve your materials.

Can I choose my schedule?

- The state’s FAQ lists 1,140 hours a year (550 for half-day kindergarten). The law it cites does not clearly say this applies to independent homeschools. Ask NMPED to clarify that point before planning your year.

How do I get started?

- Notify NMPED within 30 days of starting and renew by August 1 each later year. Use the online system or paper form.
- Keep immunization records or the approved exemption/waiver.

Is testing required?

- Your child does not have to take a state-required annual standardized test. Academic work and progress records are optional; health records are 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. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) can help organize your chosen plan once the hour guidance is clarified. [HARVEST](#) is an optional reading placement check.

Official sources — click the underlined links

[Official homeschool guidance](#)

[Home-school operating law](#)

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