



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. You can teach without a teaching license. Parents select the curriculum and report learning to the district. Attendance is usually required from 6 to 16; some districts extend the age range.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your materials. Grades 1–6 include arithmetic, reading, spelling, writing, English, geography, U.S. history, science, health, music, visual arts, and PE. Provide applicable bilingual instruction and required citizenship and safety learning.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide 180 days: 900 hours in grades 1–6 or 990 in grades 7–12. You choose the dates and daily schedule.

How do I get started?

- Send intent to the superintendent by July 1, or within 14 days of starting later.
- Submit your yearly learning plan, called the IHIP, by August 15 or 4 weeks after receiving district materials, whichever is later. Include required subjects, materials, instructors, and quarterly-report dates.

Is testing required?

- Send quarterly reports describing hours, learning covered, and progress. Include an annual assessment with the final report.
- Grades 1–3 may use an accepted written progress narrative; grades 4–8 may alternate narratives and approved tests. Grades 9–12 require yearly testing.

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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.
- Use the literacy and math materials in your IHIP, then add the other required subjects. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps plan 900 elementary hours. Finished work can support quarterly progress reports; arrange your required annual assessment.

Other choices & helpful details

- Required safety learning includes traffic, bicycle, and fire safety; alcohol, drug, and tobacco education; patriotism and citizenship. Follow the regulation’s grade-specific list for later grades.
- A narrative reviewer must meet the district-consent rules. Test results must be above the 33rd percentile or show one year’s growth. Retain attendance records; the district may request them.

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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