



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. You can teach with a high school diploma or equivalent; no teaching license is required. Attendance generally applies from 7 to under 16. A homeschool may include children from up to two households.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your own subjects, books, and teaching methods. The homeschool law does not prescribe a course list. Annual testing covers reading, spelling, English grammar, and math.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Operate on a regular schedule for at least 9 calendar months, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations. There is no required daily-hour minimum.

How do I get started?

- Choose a school name and file intent with DNPE, including diploma/equivalency evidence. Allow at least 5 business days; receive acknowledgment before withdrawing and starting.
- One notice establishes the school; no annual notice renewal. Notify DNPE if the school closes.

Is testing required?

- Every enrolled student takes a nationally standardized achievement test each year in reading, spelling, English grammar, and math.
- Keep attendance, immunization records, and test results; make test results available for inspection for at least 1 year. No statutory passing score.

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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.
- Reading, phonics, grammar, writing, and math materials support the skills North Carolina tests. Add your chosen other subjects. Plan nine months with the [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#); arrange a separate nationally standardized annual test.

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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