

HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. A parent with a high school diploma or equivalent can supervise home education; a teaching license is not required. Attendance generally applies from 6 to under 18.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your materials and teach in English. Elementary learning includes English, arithmetic, science, geography, U.S./Pennsylvania history, civics, health/PE, music, art, and safety/fire prevention.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide 180 days OR 900 hours in elementary grades; secondary grades use 180 days OR 990 hours. You choose the dates.

How do I get started?

- Before starting and by August 1 each later year, submit a notarized affidavit or permitted unsworn declaration, objectives, required health evidence, and legal assurances to the superintendent.
- For a child identified for special education, obtain the required approval of your objectives; gifted-only identification is excluded.

Is testing required?

- Keep a materials/reading log, work samples, and required reading/math test results from grades 3, 5, and 8. Someone other than the parent administers the test.
- Have a qualified evaluator review the portfolio and interview your child. Submit the evaluator's certification by June 30.

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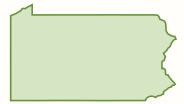
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YOUR CURRICULUM & NEXT CHOICES

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, geography, history, civics, health/PE, music, art, and safety. Completed lessons can supply portfolio samples. Plan 180 days or 900 elementary hours; arrange separate testing and the qualified annual evaluation.

Other choices & helpful details

- The annual filing also assures that required adults have no disqualifying convictions from the preceding five years. Use the official elementary template for the required health and legal statements.

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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