



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. A teaching license is one way to qualify, but it is not required for everyone. You can qualify with a high school diploma, a curriculum/course program, or evidence of teaching ability. Attendance generally applies from 5 by September 30 to under 18.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your subjects and materials. Submit a subject list with your notice; the home-instruction law does not require state-approved or accredited curriculum.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide instruction for the public-school attendance period and equivalent days/hours required by the attendance law. You can organize lessons in your own way; the home-instruction section does not add a separate numerical calendar.

How do I get started?

- Notify your division superintendent by August 15 yearly with qualification evidence and your subject list.
- If starting or moving midyear, notify as soon as practicable and complete the required documents within 30 days. Meet the applicable immunization requirements or exemption.

Is testing required?

- By August 1 after each year, submit a qualifying test score or accepted evaluation/report. A nationally normed test needs at least the fourth stanine.
- Children under 6 on September 30 are exempt from yearly progress evidence.

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 subject list and add a broad range of other learning. Completed work can help an accepted evaluator review progress; arrange the separate required evidence for the division.

Official sources — click the underlined links

[Official homeschool guidance](#)

[Virginia notice and progress law](#)



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