

Chapter 1 : Homeschool Laws in Your State - HSLDA

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The neutrality of this section is disputed. Relevant discussion may be found on the talk page. Please do not remove this message until conditions to do so are met. July Frontispiece to Fireside Education, Samuel Griswold Goodrich For most of history and in different cultures, the education of children at home by family members was a common practice. Enlisting professional tutors was an option available only to the wealthy. Homeschooling declined in the 19th and 20th centuries with the enactment of compulsory attendance laws. But, it continued to be practiced in isolated communities. Homeschooling began a resurgence in the s and s with educational reformists dissatisfied with industrialized education. Regional differences in schooling existed in colonial America. In the south, farms and plantations were so widely dispersed that community schools such as those in the more compact settlements of the north were impossible. In the middle colonies, the educational situation varied when comparing New York with New England. Parents were supported by extended relatives and tribal leaders in the education of their children. The Native Americans vigorously resisted compulsory education in the United States. He frequently advocated the use of private schools. This research included independent studies by other researchers and a review of over 8, studies bearing on early childhood education and the physical and mental development of children. The Moores published their view that formal schooling was damaging young children academically, socially, mentally, and even physiologically. The Moores presented evidence that childhood problems such as juvenile delinquency, nearsightedness, increased enrollment of students in special education classes and behavioral problems were the result of increasingly earlier enrollment of students. They described the difference as follows: In , after corresponding with a number of these families, Holt began producing Growing Without Schooling , a newsletter dedicated to home education. I think that the home is the proper base for the exploration of the world which we call learning or education. Home would be the best base no matter how good the schools were. They viewed home education as a natural, experiential aspect of life that occurs as the members of the family are involved with one another in daily living. Parents commonly cite two main motivations for homeschooling their children: Use of a religious curriculum is common among these families. Recent sociological work suggests that an increasing number of parents are choosing homeschooling because of low academic quality at the local schools, or because of bullying or health problems. Homeschooling can be a matter of consistency for families living in isolated rural locations, for those temporarily abroad, and for those who travel frequently. Many young athletes, actors, and musicians are taught at home to accommodate their training and practice schedules more conveniently. Homeschooling can be about mentorship and apprenticeship, in which a tutor or teacher is with the child for many years and becomes more intimately acquainted with the child. The term may also refer to instruction in the home under the supervision of correspondence schools or umbrella schools. Some jurisdictions require adherence to an approved curriculum. Families choose different educational methods, which represent a variety of educational philosophies and paradigms. Some of the methods or learning environments used include Classical education including Trivium , Quadrivium , Charlotte Mason education, Montessori method , Theory of multiple intelligences , Unschooling, Radical Unschooling, Waldorf education , School-at-home curriculum choices from both secular and religious publishers , A Thomas Jefferson Education , unit studies, curriculum made up from private or small publishers, apprenticeship, hands-on-learning, distance learning both online and correspondence , dual enrollment in local schools or colleges, and curriculum provided by local schools and many others. Some of these approaches are used in private and public schools. Unschooling, natural learning, Charlotte Mason Education, Montessori, Waldorf, apprenticeship, hands-on-learning, unit studies are supported to varying degrees by research by constructivist learning theories and situated cognition theories. Many families use an eclectic approach, picking and choosing from various suppliers. For sources of curricula and books a study

found that 78 percent utilized "a public library"; 77 percent used "a homeschooling catalog, publisher, or individual specialist"; 68 percent used "retail bookstore or another store"; 60 percent used "an education publisher that was not affiliated with homeschooling. Structured homeschooling includes any method or style of home education that follows a basic curriculum with articulated goals and outcomes. This style attempts to imitate the structure of the traditional school setting while personalizing the curriculum. Unstructured homeschooling is any form of home education where parents do not construct a curriculum at all. Unit studies are useful for teaching multiple grades simultaneously as the difficulty level can be adjusted for each student. An extended form of unit studies, Integrated Thematic Instruction utilizes one central theme integrated throughout the curriculum so that students finish a school year with a deep understanding of a certain broad subject or idea. Purchased as a grade level package or separately by subject, the package may contain all of the needed books, materials, tests, answer keys, and extensive teacher guides. These are among the more expensive options for homeschooling, but they require minimal preparation and are easy to use. Some localities provide the same materials used at local schools to homeschoolers. Holt asserted that children learn through the experiences of life, and he encouraged parents to live their lives with their child. Also known as interest-led or child-led learning, unschooling attempts to follow opportunities as they arise in real life, through which a child will learn without coercion. Children at school learn from 1 teacher and 2 auxiliary teachers in a classroom of approximately 20. Kids have the opportunity of dedicated education at home with a ratio of 1 to 1. An unschooled child may utilize texts or classroom instruction, but these are not considered central to education. Holt asserted that there is no specific body of knowledge that is, or should be, required of a child. They may learn animal husbandry keeping dairy goats or meat rabbits, botany tending a kitchen garden, chemistry to understand the operation of firearms or the internal combustion engine, or politics and local history by following a zoning or historical-status dispute. While any type of homeschoolers may also use these methods, the unschooled child initiates these learning activities. The natural learner participates with parents and others in learning together. Gatto argues that public education is the primary tool of "state controlled consciousness" and serves as a prime illustration of the total institution — a social system which impels obedience to the state and quells free thinking or dissent. Autonomous education helps students develop their self-consciousness, vision, practicality and freedom of discussion. However, a student must not start their autonomous learning completely on their own. In true autonomous learning, the child usually gets to decide what projects they wish to tackle or what interests to pursue. In home education, this can be instead of or in addition to regular subjects like doing math or English. In *Defence of Science and Rationality*, which is developed in the debates, which seek to rebut the neo-Marxist social philosophy of convergence proposed by the Frankfurt School. It provides an opportunity for children to learn from other parents who are more specialized in certain areas or subjects. Co-ops also provide social interaction. They may take lessons together or go on field trips. Some co-ops also offer events such as prom and graduation for homeschoolers. With social networks homeschoolers can chat, discuss threads in forums, share information and tips, and even participate in online classes via blackboard systems similar to those used by colleges. This booklet summarized a study by Ray and the Rudner study. The study also indicates that public school performance gaps between minorities and genders were virtually non-existent among the homeschooled students who took the tests. However, Rudner said that these same students in public school may have scored just as well because of the dedicated parents they had. It was discovered that the majority of the homeschooled children achieved higher standardized scores compared to their counterparts. Cogan found that homeschooled students had higher high school GPAs. A study suggests that a structured environment could play a key role in homeschooler academic achievement. In addition, these students were being offered organized lesson plans which are either self-made or purchased. This was followed by *School Can Wait*, a repackaging of these same findings designed specifically for educational professionals. Teachers who attempt to cope with these youngsters also are burning out. They believe this situation is particularly acute for boys because of their delay in maturity. The Moores cited a Smithsonian Report on the development of genius, indicating a requirement for "1 much time spent with warm, responsive parents and other adults, 2 very little time spent with peers, and 3 a great deal of free exploration under parental guidance. Some homeschoolers averaged higher scores on

these college entrance tests in South Carolina. However, research has shown that homeschooled children often excel in many areas of academic endeavor. According to a study done on the homeschool movement, [58] homeschoolers often achieve academic success and admission into elite universities. There is also evidence that most are remarkably well socialized. According to the National Home Education Research Institute president, Brian Ray, socialization is not a problem for homeschooling children, many of whom are involved in community sports, volunteer activities, book groups, or homeschool co-ops. This has implications in the areas of academic achievement and socialization which have been found to parallel self-concept. He states that critics who speak out against homeschooling on the basis of social deprivation are actually addressing an area which favors homeschoolers. Homeschool graduates are active and involved in their communities. Homeschool graduates are more involved in civic affairs and vote in much higher percentages than their peers.

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Opposition to homeschooling comes from some organizations of teachers and school districts.

Homeschooling international status and statistics Homeschooling is legal in some countries. Some countries have highly regulated home education programs as an extension of the compulsory school system; others, such as Sweden, Germany [69] [70] and most European countries have outlawed it entirely. Brazil has a law project in process. Australia[edit] This section relies largely or entirely on a single source. Please help improve this article by introducing citations to additional sources. April This section contains content that is written like an advertisement. Please help improve it by removing promotional content and inappropriate external links , and by adding encyclopedic content written from a neutral point of view. April Learn how and when to remove this template message

Home education or homeschooling, in Australia is much the same as elsewhere. Homeschooling requires government registration, with different requirements from state to state. Some home educators prefer to be regulated, but others question whether the government has any legitimate authority to oversee the choices parents make to raise and educate their children. Many organisations exist to help parents and teachers with home education. The HEA does not produce educational material, but offers support to families choosing to homeschool.

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She truly presents the homeschooling option as an "option," and she lays out the benefits and drawbacks of deciding to homeschool. She also emphasizes that it is This was a positive and objective overview of homeschooling.

Can a parent withdraw to home school at any point in the school year? The cutoff date for registering to home school has been removed from the home school law. A parent should be allowed to withdraw their child from the public school and register for home school at any point in the school year. Is a power of attorney sufficient as proof of legal guardianship? A power of attorney is not the same thing as legal guardianship for the purposes of withdrawing a student to home school. Can a student who has been home schooled during the kindergarten year enter the first grade in a public school? Since home schooling in kindergarten is in compliance with the compulsory school attendance law, it is deemed an approved kindergarten program. What rights do home school students have for special education services from the local school district? Students who are home schooled are entitled to the same services as children who are placed in private schools by their parents. This is provided via a "services plan" and is generally some type of related service, such as speech therapy, as determined by the school district where the student is registered to home school. The parent should contact the local school district for complete information. Are home school students allowed to take classes or participate in extracurricular activities at a public school? As written in Tennessee Code Annotated , public school facilities may be used by home school participants with the approval of the principal of the school, but this permissive authority shall not be construed to confer any right upon the participants to use public school facilities. If approved, use shall be in accordance with rules established by the local board of education. Are home school students allowed to participate in public school athletic programs? If a student is 18 years old, can they withdraw themselves as an independent home school student? Is the state curriculum mandated for independent home school students? The only mention of curriculum is in section b 1: A parent should include those subjects in with their proposed curriculum to ensure that their child will be prepared for testing in those areas. Is the local school district responsible for testing students enrolled in church-related home schools? The local school district is only responsible for testing students who are registered as independent home school students. Which End of Course Assessments are required of 9th grade home school students? If a home school student in grade 9 is taking a course for which there is an end of course test, that student should be required to take that end of course exam. That will mean some 9th grade students, depending on the courses they are taking, will have less tests to take that year than others.

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Print This Post Corrected at While public schools were reliable and multi-racial centres of education for Malaysian children not too long ago, today, parents who can afford it are sending their children to private schools. There also seems to be a growing trend towards home schooling. Do these trends indicate that the public school system is failing us? How did it come to this? And what needs to be done to stem the decline? Deborah Loh and Koh Lay Chin attempt to answer these questions. Even though home schooling is only done by a minority of Malaysian children, practitioners say it is a growing trend. Exact numbers are unknown though since no census of home-schoolers has been attempted. Still, the trend towards home schooling suggests that there is continued disillusionment with the national education system. Common complaints include undue emphasis on academic achievement and lack of personal development. What it boils down to, home schooling parents feel, is the quality of teachers in national schools and the confines of a structured system that allows for little creativity and development of life skills. Beyond the system Soon, who runs Learning Beyond Schooling , a resource blog and support network for home school practitioners tells The Nut Graph that more parents have shown an interest in home schooling. This was especially after the government reversed its six-year policy to teach Mathematics and Science in English. But while flip-flop policy decisions are a strong reason why parents opt for home schooling, Soon notes that a greater concern is whether children are picking up the right values. In a mid informal e-mail survey of the parents on his network, the majority of respondents listed inculcation of values as the first reason why they preferred home schooling. The second highest reason was the desire for more spiritual or religious emphasis in education. Frustration with the public schools system was third. Interestingly, he adds, what used to be a mainly urban Chinese Malaysian phenomenon is now gaining ground among Malay Malaysian and Indian Malaysian parents. And an increasing number of home schooling parents regardless of race are in the 25 to 36 age group. Lifestyle change Learning through playing â€” Hafiza and her three older children at school pic courtesy of Hafiza Abd Rahman More Malay Malaysian parents are interested in home schooling but many are unsure about sacrificing time and finances, says Hafiza Abd Rahman, 25, in a phone interview. She and her husband school their four children aged 18 months to six years on the road while travelling for work as web designers. Hafiza, who runs an online forum of mainly Malay Malaysian home-schoolers called Malaysia Homeschool Unite says full-time home schooling involves a level of personal commitment that often requires one parent giving up his or her career. But my husband and I believe that the benefits are more. For her, the decision to home school was made primarily so she could breastfeed all her children. She also feels that public or private school systems result in children being spoon fed. Human capital problem Home school includes learning different skills, like pitching a tent pic courtesy of Hafiza Abd Rahman The pros and cons of home schooling aside, early childhood education expert Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng attributes its increased popularity to certain weaknesses in the public school system. Not all teachers are bad, but I think the vast majority are not dedicated to the profession. To compound matters, few people go into education as a first career choice. Little wonder then, if parents worry about whether teachers are capable of imparting the values they desire for their children, what more in a national school environment dominated by one race and religion. Many parents who home school their children prefer to lie low as they do not have exemptions from the Education Ministry to remove their children from primary school. Primary education in Malaysia is compulsory , and parents who do not comply are liable to a fine or imprisonment. The ministry grants exemptions, but usually only for children who are ill or with severe learning disabilities, or whose parents require frequent travel for work. Parents seeking exemption for no other reason than to home school their kids say the process is bureaucratic and arbitrary. Corrected In the meantime, however, the government has no intention of recognising home schooling, says education director-general Tan Sri Alimuddin Md Dom. There are also other political aspects

to consider like racial harmony. Home school families often get together for educational activities and field trips where their children interact. Additionally, Tan questions whether racial harmony in public schools has been achieved. Is official recognition by the government what home-schoolers want? After all, despite flouting the law, most parents carry on unhindered by the ministry. The more pressing need, it appears, is for private tertiary education institutions to provide entry leeway to home-schooled teenagers. The usual route is to sit for the SPM as private candidates, since that is the only recognised qualification to enter local private colleges. It would be good if institutions of higher learning here could be [as] flexible. On the other hand, Tan feels that official recognition might bring government intervention and loss of autonomy. More importantly, he says, is for government to recognise that parents have the right over the care and education of their children in the manner they see fit. And yet, with private or overseas institutions being the only route for home-schooled children to receive tertiary education, the ones on the losing end are Malaysian institutions and possibly the local workforce. For the benefit of future generations, Soon wishes that the ministry could recognise home schools as a valid alternative system and engage them in exchanging ideas. After all, the government hopes to cultivate innovation and creativity in human capital, and could learn a thing or two from home-schoolers.

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Join a homeschool support group and/or talk to other homeschooling families in your area for support, sharing resources, and social activities for you and your children. 4. Use local resources, such as public libraries, museums, farms, and historical sites as places to go for field trips.

Homeschooling By Wendy Komancheck Homeschooling has been growing at a steady pace for nearly a quarter of a century, but its origin in American education dates back well before then. Indeed, many colonialists homeschooled their children. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education PDE , Pennsylvania parents homeschooled 22, students during the school year. Duggan advises parents to realize the time commitment of home education programs and encourages parents to obtain information about homeschooling. Duggan also suggests that families find homeschool support groups on the Internet. Duggan also suggests visiting your local library and asking if they have a homeschool resource list that would include support groups. Many churches also host support groups. Finally, the PDE maintains a list of organizations that work with homeschool families, portal. Our second one, we used a parent-issued diploma. Our oldest went to a local college and had a 4. What is her advice to potential homeschooling families? Finally, socialization is a hot button with homeschooling families. Outsiders tend to cite a lack of socialization as a downfall to homeschooling. However, many home education families bristle at that accusation. Making the decision to homeschool How does a family get started in homeschooling? Even local school districts will have state rules and regulations. Clark emphasizes that both partners in the relationship must agree to homeschool their children or the program might not work. She also names finances and college admissions as two challenges that she and her husband faced as a home education family. As of today, my two oldest are going to the college of their choice. My children have a much smaller wardrobe. We eat leftovers instead of school lunches. We trade curriculum among friends or buy used [from] EBay. Still, the rewards outweigh the challenges. Clark names some of these benefits: I truly know their strengths and weaknesses. Seeing them mature before my eyes. Spending time with them. Find someone you can stick with. Second, the evaluator should be someone who is supportive of the family and who will work with the family, not someone who will turn the family into the school district for some alleged deficiency in the program. She plans on homeschooling her two sons in the school year. You can reach her at wendykomancheck gmail. Five tips to think about before starting your home education program Parents considering home educating their children need to equip themselves with knowledge. Here are a few tips to get you started as a homeschool parent: Know the Pennsylvania home education law by reading it online. Join the Homeschool Legal Defense Association. Use local resources, such as public libraries, museums, farms, and historical sites as places to go for field trips.

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The Homeschooling Option is a surprisingly slim book, and I was disappointed when I first saw it, thinking that it would be slim on information, too. I was certainly wrong about that.

Only 36 percent of U.S. But despite this dismal reality, more than 90 percent of American children remain enrolled in public schools. View Cartoon There is, however, a growing contingent of parents who are rejecting government schools and instead choosing to educate their own children at home. When it comes to standardized testing and other educational benchmarks, there is no denying that homeschoolers fare much better than their public school counterparts. In a poll conducted by Ray, homeschooled students achieved scores in the 86th to the 89th percentile, compared to the standard 50th percentile for those enrolled in government schools. Interestingly, the homeschooled students who had neither parent certified as a teacher performed as well as those who had a parent that was a certified teacher, by a margin of 88 percent to 87 percent. Furthermore, on college entrance exams, homeschoolers routinely score higher than public school students. On the Standardized Achievement Test SAT, homeschoolers on average scored a in critical reading, in mathematics, and in writing. How did the public school students perform on the same test? Quite a bit lower, as the national average for all public school students was in critical reading, in mathematics, and in writing. Unlike public schools, homeschooling inherently meets the unique needs of each child. Who else, besides a parent, knows what is best for their own children? Certainly not government bureaucrats and teachers, who work at the mercy of state and federal regulators, many of whom have no idea how to educate kids! Homeschooling accommodates a wide variety of personality and learning differences, a stark difference from the traditional public education system. Thanks to Common Core, much of the classroom time spent in public schools is now unnecessary and pointless. A class of one maximizes customization and minimizes standardization. In a homeschool environment, if a student excels at history but struggles with mathematics, he or she can cruise through the former and slowly absorb the latter. But homeschooling is more accessible today than ever before. In fact, there are more than 30 nationally recognized homeschool curriculum providers offering services to U.S. The best evidence for accreditation skepticism comes from a study conducted by Eric Hanushek at the University of Rochester. What kind of magic is that accomplishing? Matt Vespa Teaching a child at home is not an easy task. It takes time, effort, and, most of all, love. However, the advantages often outweigh the difficulties.

Chapter 6 : Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Education: The Homeschooling Option

Homeschooling or "unschooling," as Mirek's experience could be called "has surged in recent years. Statewide, the number of students receiving home instruction rose from roughly 20, a decade ago to nearly 34, in the school year, according to the Virginia Department of Education.

Our dual enrollment homeschool learning programs give students a head-start on college. Your child can earn both high school and college credits through these online distance learning courses all for the same low price! Christian Home School Programs For Christian parents whose passion is to instill a strong sense of faith and biblical values, we offer a variety of Biblical world-view curriculum options that blend Biblical truths with high-quality core learning in math, language arts, reading, history, and science. In fact, all of our accredited courses are filled with values and character-building principles for quality Homeschool Programs for Christian families. Academic achievement CAN exist alongside the rigorous training future actors, athletes, dancers and more undertake. Plus, our accredited high school diploma makes it possible for student-athletes to pursue athletic scholarships at the college or university of their choice. Our Homeschool programs for Athletes-Performers with its flexibility makes school possible when training and performances must take center stage. Tailored Home School Programs for Students with Learning Disabilities The one-on-one environment of a homeschool learning program fits the one in three American children who struggle with dyslexia, auditory processing disorder and more perfectly. Together, we developed an individualized, caring, proven approach to educating students with learning disabilities. Home School Programs for Military Families Imagine the benefits of keeping your child in the same school consistently through the elementary, middle and high school years. You pick the months of the year, days of the week and daily hours your student studies gets tested and performs administrative tasks. Why not get yours on your terms: You can earn a High School Diploma while working through our custom tailored program for adult learners. International Homeschool All it takes is an internet connection. Whether you are located in Canada, living in Dubai, or stationed in Australia, we have the home school program for you. Our International home school programs keep students on track with college and career goals. A Commitment to Excellence in Home School Programs For the past 20 years, Bridgeway Homeschool Academy has helped more than 24, K homeschooling parents and students at all levels of academic ability. Our New to Homeschooling: Step by Step Guide can help you clarify your thoughts and answer your questions. Unsubscribe at any time.

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In decades past, non-homeschooling families probably didn't give a thought to home education, so the decision to use the school system was less of a conscious choice than a default position.

Mar 16, at 3: Virtual schooling is a great option for parents who feel ill-equipped to educate their kids at home. Online homeschool options Trying to decide between the different types of online homeschool options can be daunting. Virtual, umbrella or cover schools all tend to fall under the same category. They can provide all subjects, issue report cards, maintain attendance records, issue diplomas and sometimes offer college prep and career prep programs. Some online curriculum specializes in one particular subject such as math, reading or spelling. You may also choose to teach some subjects online while incorporating textbooks for other subjects. Online programs can range from a couple hundred dollars a year per subject to free. Most of the free programs are run by the public school system and come with many more requirements for both parent and student. Some programs are run through private schools and include access to online instructors and full record-keeping. Decide if you want one subject, multiple subjects or an entire program. K and college prep program featuring high-quality video instruction and uses Christian character building textbooks from A Beka Book. An accredited online academy and Christian homeschool curriculum for grades Pre-K Bob Jones Distance Learning Online: Video content and online assessments delivered to your computer. This site offers K tuition-free fully accredited online public schooling in many states as well as a private fully accredited college-preparatory Kâ€™12 private school available to students everywhere. K academic program that utilizes the best aspects of a blended online and classroom learning experience. Multimedia lessons that use all three learning modalities â€™ audio, visuals and text. Free homeschool curriculum designed to be as close as possible to the curriculum that Charlotte Mason used in her own private and correspondence schools. Offering over 3, videos, Khan Academy is a not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. Time4Learning provides a preschool to eighth grade online homeschool curriculum via the internet. Speak to the online instructors, read reviews and educate yourself about the programs. The more informed you are, the better prepared you will be to offer your child a successful online education. Originally published February

Chapter 8 : Tennessee Homeschool Law - HSLDA

Homeschool Options Quick Facts What educational agency oversees homeschooling? In most states with homeschool statutes, families homeschool under the oversight of the state department of education or local school district, or, in some states, under no oversight at all.

You can do it! This page helps you understand how to homeschool legally in Tennessee—step by step. Tennessee compulsory school attendance age Starting at age 6 and until your child turns 18, your child is required to attend school or comply with the homeschool laws. If you believe your child is not ready to attend school at age 6, you may apply to the principal of your local public school for a one-semester or one-year deferral of required attendance. If your child is under 6, but has been enrolled in a public school for six weeks or more, he or she must continue to attend school or comply with the homeschool laws. If your child is homeschooled under Option 1, 2, or 3, below, your child is not required to attend school after turning Early graduation is permitted. HSLDA believes that a parent-issued diploma and transcript should be sufficient to demonstrate that a child has completed a secondary education. However, even if your child is beyond compulsory school attendance age, there may be situations where you would want to continue to follow the requirements of a home education option recognized under Tennessee law until your child graduates from high school filing a home education notice, keeping attendance and other records, etc. Withdrawing your child from his or her current school If you want to start homeschooling during the school year and your child is currently enrolled in a public or private school, HSLDA recommends that you formally withdraw your child from that school. If you are going to start homeschooling after the school year is over, and your child is considered enrolled for the following year, we recommend that you withdraw your child before the next school year begins, so that the school does not mark your child as absent or truant. We invite you to become a member of HSLDA to receive specific advice about withdrawing your child from school and starting to homeschool. Local schools may have specific forms or withdrawal procedures. HSLDA members are eligible to receive individualized advice about whether complying with those procedures is advisable or required. HSLDA members can also use the sample letter of withdrawal for Tennessee available in Member Resources to correspond with school officials. If your child has never attended a public or private school, this section does not apply. As a general rule, you are required to teach your child for at least days per school year, and you must be a parent or legal guardian of the child you are enrolling. You may employ a tutor who has the same educational qualifications that you are required to have to do some or all of the teaching. Ensure that you have the required teacher qualifications. You must have at least a high school diploma or a GED. Submit a notice of intent. Your notice must include the names, number, ages, and grade levels of the children you are homeschooling, the location of your school, the curriculum to be offered no particular subjects are required , the proposed hours of instruction, and your educational qualifications. Submit proof of immunization. Proof that your child has been immunized or has a medical or a religious exemption from immunization must be attached to your notice of intent. Provide the required hours of instruction. You must teach at least four hours per school day for days each academic year. You must maintain attendance records, which must be available for inspection by the local superintendent and must be submitted to the superintendent at the end of each school year. Test your child in grades 5, 7, and 9. In grades 5, 7, and 9, your child must take a standardized test administered by the commissioner of education, by someone designated by the commissioner, or by a professional testing service approved by the LEA. You may be present with your child during the 5th-grade test. The remedial course must be designed by you and a Tennessee-certified teacher who is certified or endorsed in the grade level, course, subject matter in which your child is being remediated. Here are some websites that can help you find a CRS: Another list of schools is available on the website for the Tennessee Department of Education. Local homeschool groups in Tennessee may be able to refer you to a CRS. Enroll in a church-related school. Comply with policies established by the CRS. You must meet any teacher qualification, recordkeeping, and testing requirements established by the CRS. These requirements may vary slightly depending on your technical relationship with the CRS. Click here for more information. Category III

distance-learning school. Category III schools must report student attendance information to the director of the public school system where the student lives. Regardless of what state you live in, HSLDA recommends that you keep detailed records of your homeschool program. These records may be helpful if you face an investigation regarding your homeschooling or your student needs to furnish proof of education. You should maintain these records for at least two years. HSLDA is a national advocacy organization that supports the right of parents to educate their children at home. We are dedicated to protecting the legality of your homeschool while equipping you to successfully teach your children. Our 80, membersâ€™ families like you! The information on this page has been reviewed by an attorney, but it should not be taken as legal advice specific to your individual situation. Last updated July 9, Legal summaries of homeschooling issues in Tennessee Members-only resources.

Chapter 9 : Home Schooling Option | BC Home Educators' Association (formerly the BCHLA)

There are many homeschool options. In fact, just because you decide to homeschool does not mean that you will have to know everything that your children ever need to know. It also doesn't mean that one parent has to completely surrender all other things in his or her life to devote every second to teaching your kids.