

Homeschooling IN CALIFORNIA



Online Resources

CA Department of Education
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp>

Homeschool Association of California
<https://www.hsc.org/>

California Homeschool Network
<https://www.californiahomeschool.net>

Edwards AFB Homeschoolers on Facebook



Getting Started

In California, there are several ways to homeschool:

1. Through an existing private school
2. Through a public charter or independent study program
3. By opening a private home-based school and filing the Private School Affidavit (PSA) with the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. A parent with a valid California teacher's license may teach their child only for the grades their credential covers. Parents may also hire a credentialed tutor to teach their child.



Knowing the Law

Children ages 6 and up must be enrolled in a legal school and are subject to compulsory education laws.

Home-based private schools must file a Private School Affidavit (PSA) to begin homeschooling.

Students attending school at home must receive instruction in the branches of study required to be taught in public schools.

Helpful Information To Know

Selecting Curriculum

Parents who file the PSA to home school must select and provide all curricular and instructional materials. The California Department of Education offers information on Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Materials: www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/index.asp

Extracurricular Activities

California does not have a law granting homeschool students the right to participate in public school classes or activities. Individual school districts have authority to decide homeschool participation in public school activities. Homeschool students are not eligible to play on public school teams in California. Please contact Edwards AFB Youth Programs at 661-275-5437 to see what services and programs they can offer homeschooling families.

Withdrawing from a Public School

If your child is currently enrolled, or enrolled to start the next school year and you wish to withdraw, you will need to either call or visit the school to formally withdraw your child. Failing to do so may result in the school marking your child absent or assuming they are truant. After withdrawing, contact the school to request your child's records. If your child has never attended public or private school, you do not need to withdraw.

Returning to a Public School

Your child may enroll in public school at anytime. Please contact your School Liaison Program Manager to receive enrollment information for the district you are interested in attending.

Private School Affidavit (PSA)

You must file a PSA each year you homeschool. For the 23-24 school year, the PSA filing system will be available August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Directions regarding how to file a PSA can be found here:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/psainstructions.asp>

Record Keeping

The following records are required to be kept by all California private schools:

- Private School Affidavit (EC §33190)
- Attendance Records (EC §48222)
- Courses of Study Offered (EC §33190)
- Faculty Qualifications (EC §33190)
- Criminal Record Summaries (EC §33190 and EC §44237) (Not required when the teacher is the parent.)
- Immunization Records or Waivers (Health and Safety Code §120335)
- Health Exam Form for Children Entering 1st Grade (Health and Safety Code §124085)

High school Graduation & College Admissions

Home-based private schools can issue a diploma once the requirements for graduation are complete. You may also earn the equivalent of a public-school diploma by taking the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). Homeschooling does not prevent college admission. Please check with specific colleges, technical schools, and prospective employers to learn more about their specific requirements for admission or eligibility.

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