



Home School Resources

Home School Guidelines

<http://www.ncdnpe.org/documents/HomeSchoolGuideBook.pdf>

<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/usand/a/guidetond.htm>

<http://www.time4learning.com/homeschool/WelcomeToHomeschooling.pdf>

Homeschooling in North Carolina is not overly regulated, but there are a few edicts that everyone must follow. North Carolina does not require you to register your child as a homeschooler until he or she reaches age 7. Depending on the age your child is when you begin homeschooling, you may complete one or two grades before you even formally register your school. Approximately one month before your child reaches the minimum age (or one month before you plan to begin homeschooling an older child), a parent (or guardian) then sends a Notice of Intent to the North Carolina DNPE. This Notice of Intent includes choosing your school's name and certifying that the primary supervisor of the homeschool has at least a high school diploma. Besides the requirement to file the Notice of Intent, North Carolina has the following other legal requirements for homeschooling in the state:

Requirements:

- Notify the Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education of your intent to operate a school and include your school name, and name of chief administrator.
- Certify that the persons providing the academic instruction hold at least a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Maintain attendance records on each student.
- Maintain immunization records on each student.
- Operate on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least nine calendar months of the year.
- [Administer a nationally standardized test, or other equivalent measurement](#), that measures achievement in the areas of English grammar, reading, spelling, and math, to every student each year, and maintain the results on file for one year, [subject to inspection by a duly authorized representative of the State](#).
- Notify the Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education, when closing your school.

Exceptions:

Within the law is a statement concerning requirements: "No school meeting these requirements shall be subject to any other provision of law relating to education except requirements of law respecting immunization." What this means is that any requirements added to the law regarding public and private schools do not apply to homeschools.

NC Virtual High Schools

<http://www.ncvps.org/>

<http://www.ncdnpe.org/documents/EDU-brochure-web-version.pdf>

NC Virtual Public School is a leader in virtual learning for students. Nearly 50,000 secondary students across the state are enrolled in courses from over 150 Advanced Placement, Honors, Traditional, Credit Recovery, and Occupational Course of Study Blended course offerings. Our students come from all 115 school districts in North Carolina as well as many charter schools. Additionally, NCVPS is open to non-public school students. Collaborative learning is core to the NCVPS model, so courses will utilize real-time and asynchronous collaborative tools, audio and video, blogs, and cutting-edge assessment tools. Most importantly, courses pair students with highly qualified NC licensed faculty members from around the world. By virtue of our online course delivery, students from all areas of our state now have access to courses and highly qualified teachers in subjects that they may not have available at their local school. Our state has truly achieved the goal of providing quality learning opportunities to every North Carolina student regardless of zip code. - See more at: <http://www.ncvps.org/#sthash.0NmEPeuA.dpuf>

Frequently Asked Questions

Does a parent have to be certified as a teacher to conduct home instruction?

No. Formerly no qualifications for home school teachers existed, but the law provides that the home school instructor have as a minimum a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Must home schools follow a prescribed course of study for each grade level?

No. However, a required standard course of study is essential if the child is to reach his full educational potential. This in no way should be perceived as conflicting with the right of church affiliated or other nonpublic schools to include doctrinal teaching in their instructional programs, but such teaching should be in addition to and not as a substitute for academic requirements as spelled out in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

Are there minimum scores for home school students taking the achievement tests? Are the testing sessions monitored?

No, to both questions. Although the law does require standardized testing on an annual basis, no minimum score is stipulated and no external monitoring is provided.

When a child transfers from a home school setting to the public school system, how is his placement in the public schools determined?

The principal places the child where the child can best be served. If the parent provides test scores from a nationally standardized test or equivalent measure that are adequate to determine proper grade placement, the principal cannot require further testing for placement purposes. This system works satisfactorily for elementary children, but poses very real problems at the secondary level where units of credit become the criteria for graduation.

If a home school fails to comply with nonpublic school laws regarding attendance, what action should be taken?

The school superintendent must consult with the Division of Non-Public Education to determine that the parents are not complying with the nonpublic school laws. When this is determined to be true, the superintendent or designee should notify the district attorney's office and initiate specific legal action against the parent.

Home School Data

County	Home Schooled Students	% of Students Home Schooled	Total Students
Brunswick County	811	5.8%	13,889
Carteret County	505	5.3%	9,495
Craven County	808	4.9%	16,345
Duplin County	246	2.6%	9,515
Greene County	95	2.8%	3,374
Jones County	124	9.9%	1,250
Lenoir County	294	2.7%	10,815
New Hanover County	1331	4.5%	29,350
Onslow County	1200	4.6%	26,288
Pamlico County	157	8.4%	1,861
Pender County	488	5.6%	8,686
Sampson County/Clinton City	347	2.8%	12,319
Wayne County	717	3.4%	21,249
Region 2 Subtotal	7,123	4.3%	164,436

Local Home School Organizations

<http://www.echo-onslow.org/>

<http://www.agapeleadership.com/>

<http://www.2011.ha-nc.org/>

<http://www.nche.com/>

<http://www.chewilm.com/>

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Wilmington_WHO/

Face Book: Camp Lejeune & New River Military Homeschoolers

Internet Resources

<http://military.tutor.com/>

<http://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/>

<http://www.soarathome.org/>

<http://www.transparent.com/libraries/military>

<http://donnayoung.org/index.htm>

http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp

<http://www.onslowcountync.gov/departmentnopb100.aspx?id=21278>

<http://www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/free-curriculum/>

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<http://pbskids.org/>