



# Start a School

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## Nevada

### Home School

Nevada Law ([NRS 392.070](#), [NRS 388D.020](#)) provides for a waiver of the compulsory attendance laws and procedures for parents/guardians to follow in pursuing the waiver.

[NRS 392.070](#) Attendance excused for children in private school or homeschooled children. Attendance of a child required by the provisions of [NRS 392.040](#) must be excused when:

1. The child is enrolled in a private school pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS; or
2. A parent of the child chooses to provide education to the child and files a notice of intent to homeschool the child with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child resides in accordance with [NRS 388D.020](#).

[NRS 388D.020](#) Notice of intent to homeschool; acknowledgment of notification.

1. If the parent of a child who is subject to compulsory attendance wishes to homeschool the child, the parent must file with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child resides a written notice of intent to homeschool the child.

### Steps to Start a Home School

Starting a homeschool in Nevada involves several steps to ensure compliance with state regulations. Here's a general overview:

1. **Review State Laws:** Familiarize yourself with Nevada's homeschooling laws. Nevada requires parents to provide a "substantial equivalent" education to what is offered in public schools. There are no specific requirements for teacher qualifications or curriculum approval. You can find detailed information on your state's Department of Education website or through homeschooling advocacy groups such as [Home School Legal Defense Association \(HSLDA\)](#).
  - [Notice of Intent to Homeschool](#)
  - [Notice of Intent of Homeschooled Child to Participate](#)

- [NAC 389.680 Credits for Correspondence Courses](#)
  - [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\)](#)
  - [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\)](#)
  - [Nevada Homeschool Organization Website \(external link\)](#)
  - [Nevada Department of Education's Academic Standards](#)
2. **Submit Notification:** Parents need to submit a notice of intent to homeschool to the local school district's superintendent. This notification should include basic information about the child, the parent's qualifications, and the intended curriculum. The notice must be submitted annually.
  3. **Choose Curriculum:** Select the curriculum you'll use for homeschooling. Nevada allows flexibility in curriculum choices, so you can choose materials that align with your child's learning style and educational goals.
  4. **Establish a Schedule:** Create a homeschooling schedule that works for your family. Determine the hours and days of instruction, breaks, and any extracurricular activities.
  5. **Maintain Records:** Keep detailed records of your child's attendance, academic progress, and any other relevant information. This documentation may be required by the school district or requested in case of an evaluation.
  6. **Monitor Progress:** Regularly assess your child's progress to ensure they are meeting educational goals. Adjust your approach as needed to address any areas of concern or interest.
  7. **Stay Informed:** Stay up to date on any changes to homeschooling regulations or requirements in Nevada. Joining homeschooling support groups or organizations can provide valuable resources and information.
  8. **Consider Support:** Look into local homeschooling co-ops, support groups, or online communities for support, resources, and socialization opportunities for both you and your child.

Remember that the requirements and procedures for homeschooling can vary by state and may change over time, so it's essential to verify information with current state laws and regulations. Additionally, consulting with other homeschooling parents or organizations in Nevada can provide valuable insights and support as you start your homeschooling journey.

## Home School Statutes

*The Education Freedom Foundation has relied on the [U.S. Department of Education's State Regulation of Private and Home Schools Map](#) for relevant statutes. Over time, the state pages on this map have been updated since their initial creation. In some cases, states have changed their laws without these updates being reflected on the map.*

*Given the various methods each state uses to publicize changes to its laws, the most recent information for the Start-A-School project was often obtained directly from the U.S. Department of Education website. Users are encouraged to verify any information before making decisions based on it.*

## **Assessment and Diplomas**

- Public school districts must allow homeschooled children to take any college entrance exam offered in the state. The district must ensure that adequate notice is given via the district's website. [NRS 388D.040.](#)

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

- The homeschooled students' instruction must include English (including reading, composition and writing), mathematics, science and social studies (including history geography, economics and government) as appropriate for the age and skill level of the child as the parent determines. [NRS 388D.050.](#)

## **Initial and Renewal Applications**

- In order to homeschool, the parent (meaning parent, custodial parent, legal guardian, or other person who has control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the child's education) must submit a written notice of intent, using a [standard form](#) created by the Nevada Department of Education, to the superintendent of schools of the child's resident school district. The notice of intent must be submitted before the start of the homeschool program, no later than 10 days after withdrawal from public school, or no later than 30 days after establishing residency in the state. The notice of intent informs the school district that the home-schooled student is exempt from the compulsory attendance law. [NRS 388D.020.](#)
- The notice of intent includes: (1) the full name, age and gender of the child; (2) the name and address of each parent filing the notice of intent to homeschool; (3) a statement signed and dated by each such parent declaring that the parent has control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the education of the child, and assumes full responsibility for the education of the child while the child is being home-schooled; (4) an educational plan for the child that is prepared pursuant to NRS 392.700.12; and (5) if applicable, the name of the public school in the state that the child most recently attended. [NRS 388D.020.](#)
- The school district must provide the parent a written form of acknowledgment that indicates the parent provided notification that the student will be home-schooled. "The written acknowledgment shall be deemed proof of compliance with Nevada's compulsory school attendance law. The school district shall retain a copy of the written acknowledgment for not less than 15 years." [NRS 388D.020-7.](#)
- The superintendent of schools of the child's resident school district is not authorized to require additional information or assurance from the parent other than the notice of intent. [NRS 388D.020-5.](#)

## Public School Access

- Each school district must provide special education programs and related services to homeschooled children who are eligible pursuant to [NRS 388.417](#) to [388.5267](#).
- A home-schooled child may participate in any public school classes or extracurricular activities (excluding sports) at the request of the parent or legal guardian if there is space available, a notice of intent is filed, and the parent demonstrates to the board of trustees that the child is qualified to participate in that class or extracurricular activity. The child cannot be made to meet more than the eligibility provisions covering public school students' participation. [NRS 388D.070](#).
- A home-schooled child must be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities and events (including sports) that are governed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. [NRS 388D.074.3](#).

## Resources

### Information and Legislation

- [Nevada Department of Education: Homeschooling](#)
- [School District Homeschool Contact List](#)
- [Nevada Revised Statutes](#)
- [Nevada Administrative Code](#)