



# Start a School

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## Puerto Rico

### Home School

There are few regulations governing homeschooling in Puerto Rico. Homeschools in Puerto Rico operate as “nongovernmental schools.” If children are enrolled in public school, you must withdraw them from the system.

Homeschoolers should plan to take the same courses, the same number of days of instruction and subjects as public school students. Home schooling teachers in Puerto Rico do not need to be certified, licensed, or hold any specific degrees.

### Steps to Start a Home School

Starting a homeschool in Puerto Rico involves several steps to ensure that you're in compliance with local regulations and that you create a positive learning environment for your children. Here's a general guide to help you get started:

#### 1. Understand the Legal Requirements

- **Research Local Laws:** In Puerto Rico, homeschooling is regulated by the Department of Education. As of the latest information, you will need to comply with specific requirements, which might include registering your homeschool and meeting curriculum standards. It's crucial to check the most current regulations or contact the Puerto Rico Department of Education for up-to-date information at [Home School Legal Defense Association](#) and [Puerto Rico's Annotated Laws](#).
- **Create a Homeschool Plan:** Develop a detailed education plan that outlines your curriculum, teaching methods, and assessment strategies.

#### 2. Develop a Curriculum

- **Choose a Curriculum:** Select a curriculum that fits your child's needs and your educational philosophy. There are various options available, including online programs, traditional textbooks, and customized lesson plans.

- **Set Learning Goals:** Establish clear educational goals for each subject and grade level. Ensure that your curriculum meets or exceeds the educational standards set by the Department of Education.

### **3. Prepare Your Home Learning Environment**

- **Designate Learning Spaces:** Create a dedicated space in your home for schooling. This area should be organized and conducive to learning.
- **Gather Supplies:** Stock up on necessary educational materials, such as books, writing supplies, and technology.

### **4. Enroll Your Child**

- **Submit Required Documentation:** Depending on the regulations, you may need to submit forms or documentation to the Department of Education. This can include proof of residency, a detailed curriculum plan, and information about your teaching qualifications.
- **Maintain Records:** Keep detailed records of your child's progress, including attendance, grades, and any assessments.

### **5. Join Support Networks**

- **Find Local Homeschool Groups:** Connect with other homeschooling families in Puerto Rico. These groups can provide support, resources, and social opportunities for your children.
- **Attend Workshops and Events:** Participate in homeschooling workshops, seminars, and events to stay informed and gain new skills.

### **6. Regularly Assess Progress**

- **Monitor Learning:** Regularly assess your child's progress to ensure they are meeting educational goals. Adjust your curriculum and teaching methods as needed.
- **Prepare for Evaluations:** Be prepared for any required evaluations or assessments by the Department of Education.

### **7. Stay Informed**

- **Keep Up with Changes:** Education regulations can change, so it's important to stay informed about any updates to homeschooling laws or requirements in Puerto Rico.

Starting a homeschool can be a rewarding experience, allowing you to tailor education to your child's needs and interests. Make sure to research thoroughly and stay connected with the local homeschooling community to ensure a successful and compliant educational 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

- No territory policy currently exists.

### Curriculum and Instruction

- No territory policy currently exists. Parents should teach the same subjects as the public schools.

### Initial and Renewal Applications

- "Attendance at public schools shall not be compulsory for those who are receiving education in schools established under the auspices of nongovernmental entities."  
[18 L.P.R.A. §2.](#)

### Length of School Year and Days

- Puerto Rico's compulsory school attendance law requires private school students under 16 years of age to regularly attend school during the period of each year that public schools are in session, on the customary days, and during the regular hours of the school term. It is recommended that Home School students follow this statute.  
[29 L.P.R.A. §450.](#)

### Public School Access

- No territory policy currently exists.

## Resources

### Contact Information--State and Federal Departments of Education

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