



Start·a·School

AN EDUCATION FREEDOM FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

Wyoming

Home School

In Wyoming, Homeschooling is defined by [State Statute 21-4-101\(a\)\(v\)](#): “A home-based educational program means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child’s parent or legal guardian or by a person designated by the parent or legal guardian.”

A home-based educational program must meet the requirements of a Basic Academic Educational Program, which is defined in [State Statute 21-4-101\(a\)\(vi\)](#) as a program providing a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in seven subjects: reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science.

Home-based educational programs must meet these requirements:

- Provide a letter of intent or complete the district homeschool registration form
- Submit curriculum to the local district each year
 - Provide a summary of your curriculum to your local school district office
 - The curriculum must include Reading, Writing, Literature, Math, Science, History, and Civics
- Failure to submit the curriculum is evidence that the home-based educational program does not meet the requirements.

Wyoming Content and Performance Standards

There is no statutory requirement for alignment of the curriculum to Wyoming Content and Performance standards. However, if you are interested in the Wyoming Content and Performance standards, see the [Standards for Parents FAQ](#). To view the standards, refer to the [Content and Performance Webpage](#). Each content area is listed in the gray box and will take you to the content page.

Steps to Start a Home School

Starting a home school in Wyoming involves several steps. Here's a guide to help you get started:

1. **Understand the Law:** Familiarize yourself with Wyoming's homeschooling laws. In Wyoming, homeschooling is considered a form of private education. There are no specific homeschooling statutes, but the state constitution guarantees parents the right to direct the education of their children. You can find detailed information on the Wyoming Department of Education website or through homeschooling advocacy groups such as [Home School Legal Defense Association \(HSLDA\)](#).
 - Review [Homeschooling FAQ](#)
 - Review [National Homeschool Association](#)
 - Review [HSLDA Wyoming Homeschool Laws at a Glance](#)
 - Review the [FAQ Standards for Parents](#)
2. **Notify the School District:** Provide a letter of intent or complete the district homeschool registration form. Contact the school district where you reside for further information. The local school district may also have useful documents, such as a homeschool registration form that can take the place of a letter of intent, as well as where to mail or drop off the forms.
3. **Develop a Curriculum:** While Wyoming doesn't mandate a specific curriculum for homeschooling, it's essential to create a plan that covers the subjects typically taught in public schools. These subjects often include reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and health. This curriculum must be submitted to the local district each year.
 - Provide a summary of your curriculum to your local school district office.
 - The curriculum must include Reading, Writing, Literature, Math, Science, History, and Civics
4. **Keep Records:** Maintain detailed records of your homeschooling activities, including attendance, subjects covered, and any assessments or evaluations. These records may be useful for documenting your child's progress and can be helpful if requested by educational authorities.
5. **Connect with Support Groups:** Consider joining homeschooling support groups or networks in Wyoming. These groups can provide valuable resources, support, and opportunities for socialization and collaboration with other homeschooling families.
6. **Seek Resources:** Explore various resources available for homeschooling, such as textbooks, online courses, educational materials, libraries, museums, and community organizations. Utilize these resources to enhance your homeschooling experience and meet your child's educational needs.

7. **Stay Informed:** Stay informed about any changes or updates to homeschooling laws or regulations in Wyoming. Joining homeschooling associations or subscribing to relevant newsletters can help you stay up to date on important information and resources for homeschooling families.
8. **Evaluate Progress:** Regularly assess your child's progress and adjust your homeschooling approach as needed to ensure they are meeting their educational goals.

While homeschooling in Wyoming offers a great deal of flexibility, it's essential to stay informed about any legal requirements or recommendations to ensure compliance with state regulations. You may also want to seek advice from experienced homeschoolers or local homeschooling organizations for additional guidance and support.

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.

- A home-based education program is instruction provided to a child by the child's parent or legal guardian or by a person designated by the parent or legal guardian. Instruction provided to more than one family unit does not constitute a home-based educational program. [W.S. §21-4-101\(a\)\(v\)](#).
- A home school is not considered a private school.

Assessment and Diplomas

- Wyoming does not require testing of homeschooled students, but does allow homeschooled students to participate in the state assessment, PAWS, at no expense to the parent or guardian. The assessment currently measures math and reading in grades three through eight and 11, and science at grades four, eight and 11. If a homeschooled student would like to participate in the assessment the local district must be notified by November 1 of the year the assessment is given.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Home-based educational programs shall provide for "a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science." There is not a requirement for the inclusion of any concept, topic, or practice in conflict with the program's religious doctrines nor any prohibition against excluding from its curriculum any concept, topic, or practice consistent with its religious doctrines. [W.S. §21-4-101\(a\)\(vi\)](#).

Initial and Renewal Applications

- It is the responsibility of every person administering a home-based education program to submit a curriculum to the local board of trustees each year showing that the program complies with the requirements of the law. Failure to submit a curriculum showing compliance evidences that the home-based program does not comply with the requirements of the law. [W.S. §21-4-102\(b\)](#).

Public School Access

- Students may participate in any activities offered within the school district of which they are residents and permitted by the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA). The school district may require students to pay participation fees if required by WHSAA. [W.S. §§21-4-506\(a\); 21-4-506\(a\)\(ii\)](#). Homeschooled students may play on participating schools' sports teams under the combination school agreement. WHSAA Rules 3.1.3, 6.2.92.

Resources

Contact Information--State and Federal Departments of Education

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- U.S. Department of Education, [Wyoming](#)

Information and Legislation

- [Wyoming Department of Education: Home Schools](#)
- [Wyoming State Statutes Annotated](#)