



Start a School

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New Hampshire

Home School

[HB 1268](#), the bill that rewrites New Hampshire's home education law, was signed by Governor Ayotte on Friday, July 10, 2026 and is now law. Among the most notable changes are the elimination of the notification requirement for most homeschooling families, the portfolio requirement, and the annual assessment requirement. Notification is still required in certain circumstances, such as when a family intends to use public school services or withdraw a child who is already enrolled in public school. The NH Department of Education has provided a helpful [FAQ sheet](#).

A parent is eligible under [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193-A1.IV](#) to provide education, coordinated, or directed by a parent for his or her own child.

Steps to Start a Home School

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

1. **Review State Laws:** Familiarize yourself with New Hampshire's homeschooling laws. In New Hampshire, homeschooling is considered a type of private school, and parents are required to provide instruction that is "equal in thoroughness and efficiency" to that provided by the public schools. 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 \(HSLDA\)](#).
2. **Notify the School District (Optional):** A declaration of home education shall not be required, except to obtain access to public school programs pursuant to RSA 193:1-c or upon withdrawal from a public school.

For your convenience, the following notification form may (not required) be used:

[Notification of Home Education Program](#)

3. **Choose Curriculum:** Select the curriculum you'll use for homeschooling. New Hampshire law does not prescribe specific curriculum requirements, giving families flexibility in choosing materials that align with their educational goals and values.
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. While New Hampshire law does not require standardized testing or evaluations, maintaining thorough records can be helpful for assessing progress and documenting compliance.
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 New Hampshire. 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 homeschooling requirements and procedures 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 New Hampshire can provide valuable insights and support as you start your homeschooling journey.

Home School Statutes

Curriculum and Instruction

- A parent may elect to educate his or her own child at home in accordance with [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193-A1.IV](#). [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193:A-2](#)
- A declaration of home education shall not be required, except to obtain access to public school programs pursuant to RSA 193:1-c or upon withdrawal from a public school. [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193-A3](#).
- I. A parent shall have the right to establish a home education program for his or her own child, regardless of ability, disability, developmental status, or educational needs.
II. The resident district superintendent shall work with parents upon request in meeting the goals of their home education program. No superintendent, school board, school principal, other school district official, local official, or state official shall propose, adopt, or enforce any policy or procedure governing home educated students except for policies related to the courses and programs described in RSA 193:1-c.

III. Dates and hours of instruction shall not be required to coincide with the resident district calendar. The academic term of a home education program shall not be required to coincide with the resident district academic year.

IV. Except in the circumstance where a student is included in the resident district's average daily membership in attendance or ADMA pursuant to RSA 198:38 or by participating in the statewide assessment, the home educated child shall not:

(a) Have their data tracked through the statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS) as defined by RSA 189:65; or

(b) Have their student information collected pursuant to RSA 193-E:5.

V. Participation in a home education program pursuant to this chapter shall be presumed as education required by law. Therefore in proceedings under RSA 169-C the state shall not:

(a) Use such participation as evidence of, or as a basis for finding, failure to provide education as required by law;

(b) Consider such participation in a home education program as a negative factor in assessing the adequacy of meeting a child's education needs; and

(c) Use the lack of notice, records, evaluations, or assessments in a home education program operated consistent with this chapter as a failure to provide education as required by law.

VI. Any information submitted to any state agency, school district, or government entity regarding a home education program shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to any other state agency, federal agency, or third party without the written consent of the parent. Such disclosure by a government employee acting in an official capacity, shall constitute a violation of RSA 91-A:8, IV.

VII. A home education program is terminated when a home educated student is enrolled full time in a public school, a public charter school, a nonpublic school, or the education freedom account program established in [RSA 194-F](#). [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193-A:4](#).

Homeschool Optional Completion

- A parent may certify the completion of a home education program pursuant to this chapter.

I. A certificate of completion may include the following information:

(a) Name and date of birth of the child;

(b) Names of the parents;

(c) Date of completion of the home education program; and

(d) Signature of the parent.

II. If a parent submits the certificate of completion to the commissioner of the department of education, within 30 days of receipt the commissioner shall issue a certificate of completion which shall include the home education student has completed a home education program in the state of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 193-A. [N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §193-A:5](#).

Resources

Information and Legislation

- [New Hampshire Department of Education: Home Education](#)
- [New Hampshire Revised Statutes](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition](#)
- [Granite State Home Educators](#)
- [Catholics United for Home Education](#)
- [UnschoolingNH](#)
- [UnschoolingNH@comcast.net](#)
- [Statutes and Regulations](#)

School Choice Programs

Education Tax Credit (ETC) Scholarships

The Education Tax Credit (ETC) scholarships are managed by the New Hampshire Children's Scholarship Fund to allow New Hampshire students to attend a private school, online school, or homeschool that is a better fit for them and their learning needs.

To be eligible for a New Hampshire ETC as a Home Education student (as defined by RSA 193-A)

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. You must have a child/children between the ages of 6 and 18 who has not graduated from high school.
3. Your household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level.

To find more information about the New Hampshire ETC, visit the [New Hampshire Children's Scholarship Fund](#).

Education Freedom Account (EFA) Program

Homeschooling using the Education Freedom Accounts (EFA) is not considered Home Education under RSA 193-A. However, NHED feels it is important to make families aware of this opportunity for their children.

The EFA program was created by the State of New Hampshire to help expand educational opportunities for New Hampshire children. Eligible New Hampshire families earning up to 350%

of the poverty line can direct part of their child's state education funding to pay for tuition at the school of their choice, tutoring, online learning programs, educational supplies, and other educational expenses. A full listing of eligible EFA expenses can be found in RSA 194-F:2(a – o).

Students who have previously notified as Home Educating under RSA 193-A must terminate their Home Education program in accordance with NHED rule Ed 315.06 and RSA 193-A:5(III) prior to enrolling in the EFA program pursuant to the requirements of RSA 194-F:2, IX. Additionally, unlike students notified as Home Educating under RSA 193-A, EFA students do not have the same right to access their resident public school curricular and cocurricular programs as guaranteed by RSA 193:1-c.

To be eligible for a New Hampshire EFA

1. You and your student must be New Hampshire residents.
2. Your child must be at least 5 years old and no older than 20 years old and entering Kindergarten – 12th grade.
3. Your family's income must be at or below 350% of the federal poverty level guidelines.
4. You must complete the application process and sign the EFA agreement, which includes agreeing to share academic accountability documents.

To find more information about qualifying and applying for the New Hampshire EFA, visit the [New Hampshire Children's Scholarship Fund](#).