



Quick Guide to Homeschooling

What is Homeschooling?

- Homeschooling is when parents teach their children at home instead of sending them to a public, charter, or private school. Parents or guardians are responsible for their child's education, including selecting the curriculum that includes specific subjects.
- A parent or guardian does not need to be certified, but must follow NYSED Part 100.10 regulations and submit documentation annually to the NYC Homeschool Office.

Important Notes

- Teachers from NYC public schools do not provide instruction and homeschooled students do not receive resources like computers, textbooks, or access to most school-based programs, including sports and extracurricular activities.
- Homeschooled students do not receive a New York State diploma or earn HS credits.
- Diplomas from online-only schools are not recognized by New York State, but online programs can be part of your homeschooling plan (IHIP). Even if an online program uses words like "accredited" or "certified," your student will not receive a New York State diploma.
- Once a student turns 17 and has completed the school year in which they turned 17, they may apply for the NYS High School Equivalency (GED) exam.
- If your child has a medical condition that prevents school attendance, you may be eligible for medically necessary instruction or home instruction through the NYCDOE — you may contact them at hiapply@schools.nyc.gov
- If your child is homeschooled and needs special education services, you must request those services in writing directly to your local Committee on Special Education (CSE). This request must be sent by June 1 for the next school year.

Parent Responsibilities

- Select the curriculum and ensure your child receives instruction. You may use tutors or online programs, but are responsible for supervision and all required reporting.
- Provide all instructional materials.
- Submit all documents annually- LOI, IHIP, Quarterly Reports, and Annual Assessment.
- Supervise your child's learning and keep detailed records of instruction, progress, assessments, and attendance. You must also ensure that required instructional hours are met:
 - Grades 1–6: 900 hours/year
 - Grades 7–12: 990 hours/year

Contact

- Detailed steps, templates, resources and Part 100.10 regulations: schools.nyc.gov/home-schooling
- For registration & enrollment inquiries: LetterofIntent@schools.nyc.gov
- For instructional inquiries: Homeschool@schools.nyc.gov
- Call 718 935 2343