

# Is Home Schooling Right For You?

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There are many reasons why you may want to home school your child. This article will hopefully provide you with some answers to questions you have about home schooling.

Home schooling in Colorado is deregulated, which means that the child's parent or guardian takes on the full responsibility of education. This means everything including getting the books, supplies, tests, keeping permanent records and anything else that is included in homeschooling is up to the parent or guardian. Also, there is an expectation that the home-based schooling has no less than one hundred and seventy two days of instruction with an average of 4 hours of instruction per day. Home schooled children are not required to take any Colorado standardized tests but can do so at the parents' or guardian's request. However, they are required to take the National Standardized Exams for grades three, five, seven, nine and eleven.

You can register your child for home school by providing written notification of your intent to home school 14 days before you establish your home school program. In the notification, include your child's name, age, address, and number of education hours. You can file this notification at any [Colorado public school district office](#).

**Keep in mind:** written notification must be submitted each year your child remains in home school.

Unless you're a teacher by trade, and even if you are, you'll need some resources to help you with such an undertaking. [Take a look at this link](#) for some resources. There are core classes that you will need to include in your curriculum; these include, reading, writing, history, civics, mathematics, literature, science and regular instruction in the United States Constitution. Remember that even though your student will follow a core curriculum similar to public education, home schooling is not regulated in the

State of Colorado, therefore your student will not receive a "diploma" from the State for graduation. Graduation in home school happens whenever the parent or guardian graduates the student.

Home schooling your child is a huge undertaking and should not be considered lightly. If you decide to take on this challenge and need some help, don't hesitate to give us a call so we can help you with this process.