

ANNUAL CHECKLIST

FOR HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION



GETTING STARTED

Meet one of the following criteria:

- Hire a certified teacher
- Complete 45 college credits
- Complete a home-based education or parent qualifying course
- Get the superintendent's approval
- Enroll in an approved private school extension program that allows homeschooling

Formally withdraw the student:

- If the child is younger than 8 years old, this is not required.
- If the child is older than 8 years of age, file the Declaration of Intent the same day.

RECORDKEEPING

Maintain home records:

- Attendance
- Curriculum information
- Work samples and portfolios
- Communication with school officials
- Test results
- Immunizations

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

File a [Declaration of Intent](#) with the local school district:

- By September 15th
- Within 2 weeks of the start of the local school district
- On the child's 8th birthday, if you choose to start their education in homeschool

Send it by Certified Mail, Return Receipt requested for your records.

Provide the required instructional time:

- 180 school days, or
- 1,000 instructional hours

Teach the mandated subjects:

- Art & music appreciation
- Health
- History
- Language
- Math
- Occupational education
- Reading
- Science
- Social studies
- Spelling
- Writing

Conduct annual assessments:

- Standardized test, which may be taken at the local public school
OR
- Assessment conducted by a certified educator

Learn more in [Beyond School Walls: A Guide to Homeschooling in Washington State](#).

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