

Considering an Exit from the Public School System?

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Here are some options

If you need to exit public school in California you may:

1. Enroll in private school.
2. Join a home school support group.
3. Start your own home school.
4. Hire a teacher(s), tutors.

What if I can't decide on a private school or home school support group or afford either option?

Option 3: Consider filing a PSA Affidavit with the CDE and form your private school:

You will file a PSA (Private School Affidavit) with the California Department of Education (CDE). By filing a CDE Private School Affidavit (PSA), California residents are legally able to exempt children from attending public school under the State's compulsory education law. [Law section \(ca.gov\)](#)

In addition, State law requires private schools to file a PSA with the Supt. of Public Instruction annually. [Law section \(ca.gov\)](#)

Forming your own private school is legal. Your children are your students and now you are their teacher. You may not feel you are qualified to teach your children, but there are thousands of parents, even single parents, just like you who are fleeing public schools to begin a home school.

There are many resources and home school networks to support and encourage you, including Westside Store.

As you consider all options, we recommend studying the information found at the following links:

- [School Options — Public School Exit \(www.publicschoolsexit.com\)](http://www.publicschoolsexit.com)
- [Christian Home Educators Association \(CHEA\) of California, Inc. \(www.cheaofca.org\)](http://www.cheaofca.org)
 - o [“Homeschooling 101”](#)
 - o [Instructions to fill out the PSA form.](#)
- [Review the CDE website for the online form \(PSA\). \(https://cde.ca.gov\)](https://cde.ca.gov)
 - o [Private School Affidavit Form \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)

Final Step: Before you file the PSA with the CDE, we highly recommend you join the Home School Legal Defense Association, which will be a very helpful “umbrella” covering your private school. Fees are very reasonable). [HSLDA - Making homeschooling possible.](#)

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