



“No certification needed. Just your commitment to your child.”

The Kreativ Khind™: Homeschool Starter Checklist

Welcome to The Kreativ Khind™ Way – Where Education Is Liberation

Whether you’re a new homeschooler, considering withdrawal, or transitioning from public school, this guide will walk you through everything you need to legally, creatively, and confidently start your journey.

This starter checklist is designed for parents in Maryland but contains powerful, flexible guidance that’s useful nationwide. Through culturally-rooted learning, creative freedom, and educational sovereignty, we help you honor your child’s unique brilliance.

Let’s begin the journey to liberate learning and create legacy—together.

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Before You Begin: Ground Yourself in the Why

✅ Quick Self-Check: Are you ready to homeschool? Let's check:

- 🌪️ Do I know my state's legal homeschool options?
- 🧠 Have I explored my child's learning style?
- 📝 Have I written down my why for choosing homeschool?
- 🛠️ Do I know what support or resources I'll need to feel confident?
- 📚 Have I researched how to create a flexible and diverse curriculum?

Power Quote to Remember

🕯️ *"We don't just homeschool—
we reimagine what brilliance
looks like, every day."* 🕯️

--The Kreativ Kind™

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HOW TO FILE YOUR NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Everything you need to legally begin homeschooling in Maryland

✔ Section 1: What Is the Notice of Intent?

The legal form you submit to let your local school system know you're homeschooling.

- 📍 Required by Maryland COMAR 13A.10.01.01
 - 📅 Must be submitted **15 days before** you begin
 - 👤 Who submits: The parent/guardian
 - ✍️ What it covers: Name, address, child's name, DOB, educational oversight choice
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🌀 Section 2: Step-by-Step Submission Instructions

1. Download the Form

🔗 Go to your local county's Board of Education website

2. Choose Your Oversight Method:

✔ Local school system (*they'll do 2x/year portfolio reviews*)

✔ Umbrella school (*alternative, more flexible review*)

👉 Note: Only choose **one**, and stick with it.

3. Complete the Form

✍️ Include:

- Child's full name and date of birth
- Parent/legal guardian info
- Intended start date
- Oversight method

4. Submit to the Right Office

✉️ **Most counties allow:**

☐ 📧 **Email**

☐ 📠 **Fax**

☐ 📧 **Mail**

🏠 **Each county's process is different.**

Check your local county Board of Education's Home Instruction webpage for submission instructions and timelines.

📌 **FAQ available at:**

<https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/NPSA/Home-Instruction.aspx>

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Still have questions?

Contact the **Division of Student, Family, and School Support** of the **Maryland State Department of Education** in Baltimore:
(410) 767-1407






Important:

*You are not a legally recognized Maryland homeschooler if you have not signed and submitted your Notice of Intent form. If your local county does not have a signed form on file for you, then your child is considered **truant** from school.*

5. **Keep a Copy for Your Records**

-  Save digital and printed versions
-  This protects you in case of any issues later

Section 3: Pro-Tips from Kreativ Khind


-  **Submit early** — don't wait until the last minute
-  **Include a friendly cover letter** to make your submission stand out
-  **Ask for confirmation** — whether emailed or stamped, get proof it was received
-  **Mark your calendar** for midyear and end-of-year review reminders
-  Start building your homeschool portfolio from **Day 1** — don't scramble later

NOTE: Parents who plan to homeschool their children but wish to skip kindergarten must [file a maturity waiver](#) with their school district.

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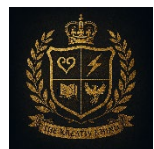
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 Kreativ Khind™ Quick Submission Tracker

 "Kreativ Khind's NOI Submission Checklist"

 Download NOI form from your county's Board of Ed site or create your own	
 Complete with: child's info, DOB, oversight method	
 Choose oversight: Local system (free) or Umbrella (paid)	
 Submit: Email, fax, or mail (based on county rules)	
 Save: Both digital & printed copy for your records	
 Mark your calendar for review dates (2x/year)	

“Clarity is power. This form isn’t a hoop to jump through — it’s your declaration of educational freedom.” --The Kreativ Khind



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Congratulations!

You're officially on the journey.

You submitted the paperwork.

Now the real adventure begins.

Homeschooling isn't about recreating school at home.

It's about creating a learning environment where your child learns best. A place where they can thrive, explore, and grow in ways that honor who they are.

Take a deep breath.

You do not need to have every answer today.

You only need a willingness to learn alongside your child.



Your Next 5 Steps

- ✓ File and save your Notice of Intent
- ✓ Create a simple learning space
- ✓ Start a homeschool portfolio
- ✓ Choose your first month of learning themes
- ✓ Focus on connection before curriculum

Remember

Your child does not need a perfect teacher.

They need a present one.

Connection comes before curriculum.

Consistency matters more than perfection.

Relationships matter more than worksheets.

And every meaningful learning journey begins with one courageous step.



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Congratulations!

From The Village

"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire."

At The Kreativ Khind™, we believe every child deserves to learn in an environment that honors their culture, creativity, curiosity, and brilliance.

Welcome to the village.

Welcome to the journey.


Continue Your Journey @ www.thekreativkhind.com



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and educators seeking culturally-rooted learning
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- Explore The Khind Toolbox™
- Read Insights from the Village™
- Join the Parent Hub™

 *"The first lesson isn't for the child. It's for the parent—to trust that you are more prepared than you think."*

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