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# Homeschooling Laws and Requirements in Connecticut

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If you're considering homeschooling your child in the state of Connecticut, understanding the homeschooling laws and requirements is crucial. Here's a brief overview to help you get started:

# 1. Homeschooling Options:

In Connecticut, families have two primary options for homeschooling:

- Establishing a Home-Based Instruction Program
- Enrolling in a Homeschool Cooperative or Umbrella School

# 2. Establishing a Home-Based Instruction Program:

If you choose to establish a home-based instruction program, you must:

- Submit a Notice of Intent to Homeschool to the local school district.
- Provide instruction in the same subjects taught in public schools, including reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- Keep attendance records and submit an annual portfolio or standardized test results.

### 3. Enrolling in a Homeschool Cooperative or Umbrella School:

Families may also choose to enroll their children in a homeschool cooperative or umbrella school, which provides support, resources, and oversight to homeschooling families. These programs may have additional requirements beyond those of home-based instruction programs.

# 4. Graduation Requirements:

Homeschooled students in Connecticut must meet the same graduation requirements as students in public schools. These requirements include completing a minimum number of credits in core subjects such as English, mathematics, science, social studies, and electives.

#### **Useful Resources:**

- Connecticut State Department of Education: https://portal.ct.gov/SDE
- Connecticut Homeschooling Information: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Services/Home-Schooling">https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Services/Home-Schooling</a>

Remember, homeschooling laws and regulations can change, so it's essential to stay informed and consult with local county and state officials for the most up-to-date information. Homeschooling offers families the flexibility to tailor their child's education to their individual needs and values, and understanding the legal requirements ensures a smooth and successful homeschooling experience.