



## **HSP App: Homeschooling State Laws Informational: Washington**

### **Homeschooling Laws and Requirements in Washington**

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

#### **1. Homeschooling Options:**

In Washington, families have the option to homeschool their children under the homeschooling statute or by enrolling in a homeschooling program.

#### **2. Homeschooling Statute:**

To homeschool under the homeschooling statute in Washington, families must:

- File a Declaration of Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction (DOI) with the local school district superintendent by September 15th of each year or within two weeks of withdrawing the child from public school.
- Provide instruction in the required subjects, including reading, writing, math, science, history, social studies, health, and art and music appreciation.
- Keep records of academic progress and attendance.
- Administer a standardized test or have an annual evaluation by a certified teacher.

#### **3. Homeschooling Programs:**

Families may also choose to enroll their children in a homeschooling program, which provides support, curriculum resources, and oversight to homeschooling families. These programs must comply with state regulations.

#### **4. Graduation Requirements:**

Homeschooled students in Washington must meet the same graduation requirements as students in public schools. These requirements include completing a minimum number of credits in core subjects and electives.

#### **Useful Resources:**

- Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI): <https://www.k12.wa.us/>
- Homeschooling in Washington: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/learning-alternatives/home-based-instruction>

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.