

FOUR OPTIONS FOR HOMESCHOOLING IN CALIFORNIA:

Homeschooling as a Home-based Private School

Parents are required to submit an online form, called the Private School Affidavit (PSA), to the California Superintendent of Public Instruction annually between October 1st and 15th. Parents must maintain an attendance register and provide instruction in commonly taught courses. See Homeschool In California attachment for more details.

Homeschooling through a Private School Satellite Program

Parents enroll their child in a supervising private school who will maintain records and compliance with the state. Instruction must be in English and cover branches of study required in public schools.

If you would like information about virtual schools like California Virtual Academies (CAVA) K-12, please visit the CAVA website at: <https://cava.k12.com/enrollment/how-it-works/>.

Homeschooling via Instruction by Private Tutor

Person providing the instruction must have a California teaching credential.

Child must receive instruction for at least three hours a day, between 8 AM and 4 PM, 175 days a year, in the same courses offered at public school and in the English language.

Families using this option are not required to file a PSA or report additional information to the state.

Independent Study through a Charter School

Students may enroll in an independent study charter program through local charter schools or public schools in their area or county (if available). These students are technically considered public school students, but schooling takes place at home/off site. Some independent study charter programs allow parents access to state funds to support educational activities/ expenditures. These funds range in amount but are generally between \$2,000-\$3,500 per child, annually.

Each independent study charter program has different reporting requirements. Per Rule 301 of the California Interscholastic Federation's bylaws, homeschool students are not eligible for public school athletics. Some Independent Study Programs are eligible for public school athletics.

Other resources:

- **California Home School Network** - <https://www.californiahomeschool.net/>
- **The Homeschool Mom** – National web Site (link is for CA specific section) Good all-around resource + curriculum reviews) <https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/homeschooling-in-california/>
- **Homeschool association of California** - All things homeschooling in California <https://www.hsc.org/>
- **Home school Social Networks and support groups** https://a2zhomeschooling.com/regional/us/california/california_online_homeschooling/

- **K12 California based Online Schools** - <https://www.k12.com/california-online-schools.html>
- The Home School Association for Military Families (HSAMF) is now the **Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) for Military Families**. To learn more about home schooling laws, resources, support groups, etc., please visit their website at: <https://hslda.org/explore/military-families>. On the HSLDA website you will find information for military families wanting to homeschool, videos to help you learn about California Homeschool laws, and other valuable information.
- **Home School Facts:** <https://www.homeschoolfacts.com/state-laws/california-homeschool-state-laws.html> and <https://www.homeschoolfacts.com/>