

Top Five Home-Schooling Q&As to Know in Illinois

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How do I sign up for home schooling?

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) does not offer any home-school programs. It is the responsibility of the person overseeing the home-school program (typically the parent or guardian) to research and select materials needed for a home-school program. There is no state funding available for home schooling.

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What programs are accredited, authorized, or approved by ISBE?

ISBE does not accredit, authorize, or approve any home-school program or curriculum. It is your responsibility to research, select, and pay for the program or textbooks you wish to use. However, you can view a [list of resources](#) as a starting point for finding a program that fits your needs. You can view a [list of recognized nonpublic schools](#) under Box 3 on this page, some of which may be fully online.

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What happens if I re-enroll my child in their public school after home schooling? Will my child get credit for their home-school work?

If you re-enroll your child in a public school, the school administrators will evaluate and place your child in the grade they believe is correct. There is no guarantee your child's home-school work will be accepted by the public school. Therefore, it is very important to ask your local administrators how they evaluate home-school students and prepare ahead of time.

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What steps do I have to take before I can begin home schooling?

Please notify the school the child is currently attending that you are withdrawing the student to home-school so the child is not marked absent and truant. The best way to do this is by sending a letter or email, or signing a withdrawal form and keeping a copy for yourself.

In addition to notifying the school your child is currently attending, you can also notify ISBE of your intent to home-school by completing [this form](#). Submitting this information to ISBE is entirely voluntary; you can begin home schooling without submitting it.

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Are there any reporting requirements like grades or standardized test scores?

No, there are no reporting requirements for home-school students, and they are not required to take standardized tests.

Have more questions?



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