

# Homeschool laws by state

## Overview

| State       | Notification/oversight                               | Funding/<br>tax benefits                                   | Pros                                     | Cons                                              |
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| Alabama     | Notice to school district;<br>attendance records     | CHOOSE Act offers up to<br>\$2,000/year (income-qualified) | Helpful boost for<br>low-income families | Income limits; still<br>new program               |
| Alaska      | No notice or testing                                 | Public correspondence<br>support                           | Very lenient,<br>strong flexibility      | Limited funding                                   |
| Arizona     | Affidavit (sworn legal document)<br>, core subjects  | ESA \$6–7K/year                                            | Generous funding<br>and flexibility      | Requires ClassWallet<br>system, paperwork         |
| Arkansas    | Notice, testing required                             | ESA \$6–8K/year                                            | Strong support for<br>homeschoolers      | Yearly Testing<br>Required                        |
| California  | PSA, ISP, or charter options;<br>register & log      | Charter-based<br>funding \$2.8–3.2K                        | Access to funds via<br>Charter schools   | Must enroll through<br>a charter or ISP<br>set up |
| Colorado    | Annual notice, testing/<br>evaluation every 2 years  | Partial support via part time<br>programs                  | Balanced regulation                      | Testing required                                  |
| Connecticut | No state-level requirements                          | None                                                       | Very hands-off                           | No financial support                              |
| Delaware    | Notice and year end attendance<br>report             | None                                                       | Simple process                           | No financial support                              |
| Florida     | Notice and annual evaluation                         | ESA up to \$8K/year                                        | Generous &<br>accessible funding         | income/<br>prioritization<br>criteria apply       |
| Georgia     | Intent declaration, required subjects                | None                                                       | Moderate<br>oversight                    | No direct funding                                 |
| Hawaii      | Notice, curriculum outlined,<br>progress reporting   | None                                                       | Structured<br>Oversight                  | Higher reporting<br>burden                        |
| Idaho       | No notice or testing                                 | Empowering parents<br>About \$1k a year                    | Minimal oversight,<br>modest support     | Funding modest,<br>local variation                |
| Illinois    | No notification; broad parental rights               | None                                                       | Very hands-off                           | No financial support                              |
| Indiana     | No notice; required subjects mirror<br>public school | ESA starting 2025;<br>teacher-based funds                  | Supportive<br>structure                  | Funds managed via<br>ClassWallet system           |
| Iowa        | Register or oversight options                        | None                                                       | Flexible structure                       | No direct<br>homeschool support                   |
| Kansas      | Register as non-accredited<br>private school         | ESA starting 2025                                          | Very minimal<br>Requirements             | Minimal to no<br>community support                |

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| Kentucky      | Report to board;<br>185 teaching days                | None                                      | Clear guidelines                                | No financial support                                      |
| Louisiana     | Register as private/home school;<br>subject teaching | ESA starting 2025,<br>scholarship options | Flexible, State<br>recognized<br>diploma        | Annual approval,<br>risk of penalties if<br>non-compliant |
| Maine         | Notice + annual assessment                           | None, some tax<br>Reimbursement           | Structured<br>oversight                         | No financial support                                      |
| Mary Land     | Notice, periodic reviews                             | None                                      | Moderate regulation                             | No financial support                                      |
| Massachusetts | Pre-approval by district; annual<br>documentation    | None                                      | Regulatory clarity                              | Can be strict<br>and bureaucratic                         |
| Michigan      | No notice unless claiming<br>religious exemption     | None                                      | Relaxed                                         | Few supports                                              |
| Minnesota     | Annual report, testing,<br>attendance records        | Tax-deductible<br>expenses                | Financial relief<br>for materials               | Testing and<br>reporting required                         |
| Mississippi   | Certificate of enrollment annually                   | ESA for special<br>needs only             | Some financial<br>support, limited<br>oversight | Limited Financial<br>support,<br>no credentials.          |
| Missouri      | No notice; but recordkeeping<br>required             | ESA via ClassWallet                       | Low oversight,<br>some financial benefit        | Must use 3rd<br>party Classwallet<br>provider             |
| Montana       | Notification and basic subject<br>requirements       | ESA starting 2025                         | Few regulations                                 | Record keeping<br>and must Annually<br>inform             |
| Nebraska      | Register as exempt school;<br>keep basic records     | Registered teacher<br>tax credits         | Clear guidelines                                | No direct financial<br>Support                            |
| Nevada        | Notice + curriculum outline                          | ESA -\$6-7K/year                          | Financial support                               | Administrative steps<br>required                          |
| New Hampshire | Notice, portfolio or evaluation                      | ESA -\$6-7K/year<br>income based          | Balanced choice<br>and accountability           | Income cap                                                |
| New Jersey    | No formal notice required                            | None                                      | Very flexible                                   | No financial support                                      |
| New Mexico    | Notice + required subjects                           | None via ESA;<br>teacher credit           | Simple structure                                | No direct financial<br>Support                            |

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| New York       | Quarterly IHIP, annual assessment & testing      | None                                           | Detailed records                                                 | One of the most regulated states, no funding             |
| North Carolina | Notice, testing, attendance/immunization records | None via ESA; teacher credit                   | Flexibility                                                      | Over sight Immunization                                  |
| North Dakota   | Notification, testing/evaluation                 | None                                           | Structured approach                                              | No financial support                                     |
| Ohio           | Notice, 900 hours instruction, assessment        | ESA for special needs/ low-income none broadly | Some districts offer extracurriculars                            | Regulated & Limited support                              |
| Oklahoma       | No notice or testing required                    | ESA ~\$1K/year refundable tax credit           | Very minimal oversight                                           | Moldest financial Support                                |
| Oregon         | Notice + testing in select grades                | None                                           | Reasonable requirements                                          | No financial support                                     |
| Pennsylvania   | Affidavit, portfolio, evaluation                 | None via ESA; tax credit donors                | Access to Public School Resources & extracurricular              | Heavily regulated                                        |
| Rhode Island   | Approval by school committee                     | None                                           | Local control reflected                                          | Can be subjective and restrictive                        |
| South Carolina | Multiple structure options                       | None                                           | Flexibility                                                      | No financial support                                     |
| South Dakota   | Notification, minimal testing required           | None via ESA; tax credit donors                | Flexibility+ access to Public School Resources & extracurricular | No financial support                                     |
| Tennessee      | Register with LEA or umbrella school             | ESA active now ~\$7K/year                      | Great financial support                                          | Must enroll via approved program                         |
| Texas          | Teach core subjects; no notice requirement       | ESA starting 2026 ~\$2K/year                   | Minimal regulation, strong support, access to extracurricular    | ESA Implementation timeline; application demand expected |

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| Utah          | Annual affidavit;<br>parental qualifications unspecified    | ESA ~\$8K/year                  | Significant<br>support and<br>flexibility             | Some<br>evaluation/<br>testing required                      |
| Vermont       | Approval process,<br>annual assessments                     | None                            | Partial access to<br>public school<br>resources       | Heavily<br>regulated                                         |
| Virginia      | Notice, parental qualifications,<br>evaluation/testing      | None, tax donors                | Access to Public<br>School classes<br>& activities    | Testing and<br>qualification<br>burdens                      |
| Washington    | Declaration, II subject areas,<br>yearly evaluation         | None                            | Public School<br>Resources & Part-<br>Time Enrollment | Administrative<br>burden                                     |
| West Virginia | Notification + assessment                                   | ESA ~\$4.9K/year,<br>rolls over | Decent ongoing<br>funding                             | Must attend<br>public 45 days<br>first to qualify            |
| Wisconsin     | Formal notification (PI-1206),<br>hours, logged hours (875) | None                            | Access to Public<br>School Classes<br>& Activities    | Microschool<br>restrictions;<br>collaboration<br>laws strict |
| Wyoming       | Notification, instruction<br>in required subjects           | None                            | Potential access to<br>public school<br>activities    | No funding,<br>submit<br>curriculum<br>yearly                |

\* please remember this is just a rough overview, it is your responsibility to income yourself of your local laws.

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