

Welcome to homeschooling in the Anoka-Hennepin School District. The following information is important for you to know, as a homeschool administrator, in order for your homeschool to meet all state and district requirements.

Please let the Anoka-Hennepin Homeschool Office know if you have any questions. You may also refer to the Anoka-Hennepin homeschool website, www.ahschools.us/homeschool. For more information about getting started, compliance, and resources for homeschool administrators, please refer to the Questions and Answers document published by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) - this can be found by visiting: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/nphs/home/>

Enrollment

- **Enrollment Deadline:** For students who will be new to homeschooling, enrollment paperwork is due **within 15 days of withdrawing from the public school**. Returning homeschool families must submit annual enrollment paperwork by **October 1 each year**.
- **If this is your first year homeschooling in Anoka-Hennepin**, you will need to submit an *Initial Registration Form* to our office.
- **If this is your second year or beyond homeschooling in Anoka-Hennepin**, you will need to submit a *Letter of Intent to Continue Form* to our office indicating your intent to continue homeschooling and if any changes have been made. (Graduated students, change in test selection, updated immunization records, change of address, etc.)
- **Enrollment Confirmation:** We will email confirmation of receipt if we receive a request and your email address.
- **Age of Compulsory Instruction:** Students receiving instruction at home that are between the ages of 7 and 17, as of October 1 of the relevant school year, must be enrolled in a homeschool through the district. Additionally, students under age 7 that have been enrolled previously in kindergarten or a higher grade in public school must be enrolled in homeschool.

Requirements

- **Testing:** Minnesota state statute requires nonpublic/homeschool students to take a standardized, nationally normed achievement test each year. The name of that test must be included with new registrations and annual re-enrollment. Note: test scores are not shared with our office or school district, but your records need to include documentation of this testing and should be available on demand if required.
- **Educational Requirements:** As a homeschool, you are required to teach basic communication, mathematics, science, social studies, health, and physical education. For more information on state education standards, please view the K-12 Academic Standards page on the MDE website. Home and nonpublic schools develop their own curriculum and learning plans.
- **Record Keeping:** As a homeschool, you are responsible to keep all records/transcripts/curriculum information and report cards for your student(s).

Services and Supports

- **Special Education:** Special Education students who are being homeschooled can access Special Education services offered at their local public school. We encourage you to contact the Special Education Lead at your local public school to request these services.
- **Shared Time:** Homeschool students can access individual classes in the public school through "Shared Time." Contact the administration office at the public school to discuss arrangements.
- **Request for Aid:** Some supports are available to homeschool families including services for health, guidance, and textbook aid. For the latter, funds are available to reimburse a set amount per year for valid textbooks, tests, and other qualifying purchases. **Aid request forms are due October 1 each year.**

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