

Homeschooling in OREGON

The *Firmly Planted Homeschool Resource Center* is here to help! We are committed to empowering parents, students, and teachers to pursue a home education with a broad Christian framework. FPHRC is a positive resource for our growing community and we look forward to helping you!

What age do we need to register with the State of OR?

Compulsory attendance in OR is from ages 6-18. If your child turns 6 after September 1, you are not required to comply with the homeschool laws until the following school year.

Withdrawing your child from his or her current school:

Note: *If your child has not been enrolled in a public or private school, this section does not apply to you.*

If you want to start homeschooling your child during the school year, HSLDA recommends that you formally withdraw your child from the school your child is currently enrolled in. If you are going to homeschool your child after the current school is complete and your child is considered enrolled for the following year, HSLDA recommends you formally withdraw your child before the new school year begins, so the school does not mark your child as absent or truant.

To Homeschool in Oregon you will need to do the following steps:

1. Notify your local Education Service District (ESD).
2. Test your children in grades 3,5, 8, and 10.
3. Address any disabilities.



NOTIFY YOUR LOCAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (ESD):

You must send in a Notification letter to your local Education Service District (ESD) to legally Homeschool your student. This letter must be re-submitted if you move into a new ESD district. You should notify your local ESD within 10 days of the beginning of homeschooling, within 10 days of withdrawing the child from public school, or if a family has relocated to Oregon from another state, notification should be given within 10 days of arriving, if it's during the school year.

The following ESDs allow online registration. We recommend you print out a copy of your confirmation letter at your convenience, for your child's records. Registration is available online in the following ESDs at <http://homeschool.nwtoolbox.org/>

- Clackamas ESD
- Intermountain ESD (Baker, Morrow, Umatilla, Union counties)
- Multnomah ESD
- Northwest Regional ESD (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington counties)
- Willamette ESD (Marion, Polk, Yamhill counties)

Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD, register online at:

<https://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/homeschool/notification/notification-form/>



For the districts that require a written notification, you may use this example letter, provided by, [Oregon Home Education Network](#), to mail to your Oregon ESD when you begin homeschooling. Your designated ESD will send you a confirmation letter for your records.

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

To Whom It May Concern:

This is my notice of intent to homeschool my child pursuant to OAR 581-021-0026 (4).

[Your Name]

[Your Child's Name]

[Your Child's Birth Date]

[Your Child's Address]

[School District where your child resides]

[Your Phone Number]

[Your Email]

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]



TEST YOUR CHILD IN GRADES 3,5,8, AND 10:

A child should be tested with an approved test by the State Board of Education and be administered by a qualified neutral person. Your child is to be tested when he or she turns 9 (3rd grade), 11 (5th grade), 14 (8th grade), and 16 (10th grade) by September 1. If your child has never attended a public or private school, the test should be completed by August 15 upon the completion of 3rd grade. Parents can test their child earlier at their discretion if they believe the student has completed grade 3, 5, 8, or 10.

The administrator must score the test and provide the results to you for your records. The results are not reported to the ESD unless specifically requested.

ADDRESS ANY DISABILITIES:

If your child has a disability, you must have that child evaluated for satisfactory educational progress according to the method recommended in your child's individualized education plan (IEP) or privately developed plan. No testing of your student is required unless recommended in the plan. Please contact HSLDA for more information at <https://hsllda.org>.

References:

<https://www.fphrc.org/>

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<http://www.ohen.org/homeschooling>

<https://homeschoolstatelaws.com>

