

Frequently Asked Questions

Homeschool

Do you send me the curriculum and resources to teach my child?

The Georgia Department of Education does not supply or recommend the curriculum, materials or resources for home school. For curriculum, testing, resource materials, or anything else associated with home school, please contact a home school association in your area. You may also want to “Google” the term Georgia Home School curriculum and select a vendor/program that fits your child’s educational needs. After securing a curriculum you may begin teaching your child/children.

Can I start home schooling my child in middle of the school year?

Georgia law allows the parent/guardian to begin home school at any time during the school year. You are required to fill out a letter of intent up to 30 days after you begin home schooling your child or children.

Can my child take the state mandated tests?

No, they must take a nationally standardized test. We cannot recommend any of these tests.

Can the GADOE sign paperwork for state or federal benefits?

No. The parent or guardian shall have the authority to execute any document required by law, rule, regulation, or policy to evidence the enrollment of a child in a home study program, the student’s full-time or part-time status, the student’s grades or any other required educational information. This shall include, but not be limited to, documents for purposes of verification of attendance by the Department of Driver’s Services, for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code section 40-5-22, documents required pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 39 relating to employment of minors, and any documents required to apply for the receipt of the state of federal public assistance;

Does the GADOE issue a diploma, report cards, or transcripts?

No, all of these can be created by the parent or the curriculum vendor.

Where can I get specific answers to my home school questions?

The GADOE has a limited responsibility related to home school students. Our primary responsibility is to provide and receive the letter of intent. For specific guidance on home school related issues, you should contact a Georgia Home Education Association in your area. You can use your browser and type in the term to locate one closest to you.