



Home-school Fact Sheet JB Charleston

Home school rules and regulations vary from state to state. Below you will find the rules and regulations for home schooling in South Carolina. Additionally, there is a list of resources, books and Internet sites, available to assist parents in making this important decision regarding their child's education. State webpage: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/125/>

Compulsory School Age in South Carolina

"five years of age before September first until . . . seventeenth birthday or "graduation from high school; five-year-olds may be excused from kindergarten with submission of written notice to the school district"

South Carolina Legal Home Schooling Options: 1 2 3			
	Option: 1	Option: 2	Option: 3
Legal Option:	Establish and operate a home school as approved by the local school board	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS)	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of an association for home schools with no fewer than fifty members
Attendance:	180 days per year, 4½ hours per day	180 days per year	180 days per year
Subjects:	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12
Qualifications:	High school diploma or GED or a baccalaureate degree	High school diploma or GED	High school diploma or GED
Notice:	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.
Recordkeeping:	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, a portfolio of the child's work, and a record of academic evaluations, with a semiannual progress report	None required by statute; SCAIHS requires some recordkeeping	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, and a portfolio of the child's work, with a semiannual progress report
Testing:	Participate: statewide testing Basic Skills Assessment Prog	None required by statute; SCAIHS has requirements	None

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Many parents who home school in South Carolina choose Option 3 because it allows more flexibility, particularly in the area of curriculum selection. Option 3 requires affiliation with an accountability association. This organization provides a means of legal compliance for its members under SC home school statutes 59-65-45 (SCAIHS) and 59-65-47 (all others). Each organization has its own policies and membership fees. Here are a few that our families use:

- Grace Home School Association: <https://www.homeschoolingsc.org/grace-home-school-association/>
- Carolina Homeschooler: <http://www.carolinahomeschooler.com/>
- Homeward Education Association: <http://www.homewarded.com/>
- South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools: <http://www.schomeschooling.com>
- At Home In The Lowcountry Association: <http://www.athomeinthelowcountry.com/>
- Half Moon Homeschool Association: www.halfmoonhomeschool.com
- Complete associations list: ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/state-accountability/home-schooling

NOTE - You MUST be covered by a legal accountability association within 10 days of the beginning of school in your school district or your children will be considered truant.

Although not required, affiliation with a support group is a good idea, particularly for those new to home schooling. One popular support group in the Tri-County is the Lowcountry Christian Home Educators Association: <https://www.homeschool-life.com/3195/>. Parents can find valuable home school information, resources and support.

Other Informative Websites:

Home School Legal Defense Association: <https://www.hslda.org> - free & fee based resources
Home School Central: <http://www.homeschoolcentral.com>
Home School World: <http://www.home-school.com/>
South Carolina Public Charter School District: <https://sccharter.org/>

Virtual Schools:

VirtualSC: <https://virtualsc.org/>
South Carolina Virtual Charter School: <https://scvcs.org/>
Low Country Virtual: <https://lowcountryvirtual.org/>
K12 South Carolina Online School: <https://www.k12.com/south-carolina-online-schools>

Joint Base Charleston School Information

School Information Packet: jbcharleston.com/school-liaison. Look under "Downloads."
School Liaison Facebook: [JB Charleston School Liaison Office](#)
Homeschool Group Facebook: [JB Charleston Homeschool Families](#)

For more information please contact the School Liaison Office, JB Charleston at 843- 963-4410/2931

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