HOMESCHOOL INFORMATION

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) and Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) support home instruction in accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 13A.10.01). The purpose of these regulations is to establish a procedure to be used to determine if a child participating in a home schooling program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in studies usually taught in the public school to children of the same age.

A parent or guardian who chooses to teach a child at home must complete a Home Schooling Notification Form, initially and each year thereafter, to verify the continuation of home schooling. A parent or guardian needs to notify the Department of Student Services or their supervising nonpublic institution if there is a change in home schooling status during the school year.

The home schooling program must be under the supervision of either the student's local school system or a nonpublic entity that is registered with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The program shall be delivered by the parent or guardian and include instruction in English, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education. A home schooling program under the supervision of the public school system (SMCPS or CCPS) will be reviewed by public school staff at the end of each semester. A home schooling program under the supervision of a nonpublic entity registered with MSDE will not be reviewed by SMCPS or CCPS.

For information in St. Mary's County:

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http://www.smcps.org/ss/home-schooling

For information in Calvert County:

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LEA Home School Coordinator
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http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/studentsvcs/HomeParentalInstruction.asp
Homeschool Resources

Maryland State Department of Education:
http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DSFSS/SSSP/HomeInstruct/index.aspx

St. Mary's County Public Schools: http://www.smcps.org/ss/home-schooling

Calvert County Public Schools:
http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/student_services/services/parental_instruction/

Compulsory Attendance Law:
http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DSFSS/SSSP/HomeInstruct/CompulsoryAttendance.pdf

HSLDA: https://www.hslda.org/

Homeschool Central.com: http://www.homeschoolcentral.com/

Homeschool.com: https://www.homeschool.com/

Maryland Association of Christian Home Educators: http://www.machemd.org/

Maryland Catholic Homeschoolers: http://www.marylandarch.com/

Maryland Homeschool Association: http://www.mdhsa.com/

Maryland Homeschool Resource Network: http://www.mhrn.com/

Many Paths of Natural Learning Support Group: http://www.mpnl.org/

The Learning Community International: http://www.tlcischool.org/