



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.

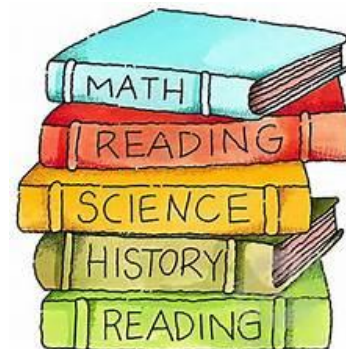
The home schooling program must be under the supervision of either the student's local school system or a [nonpublic entity](#) that is registered with the Maryland State Department of Education ([MSDE](#)). The program shall be delivered by the parent or guardian and include instruction in English, 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.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/>