



**LARAMIE COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2**  
*Students First*

## Laramie County School District No. 2

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We understand that your child(ren) may be homeschooled for the next school year. Please fill out and return the enclosed form, which will indicate the type of academic program you will be using this year for instructing your child(ren). We ask for this information because according to Wyoming State Statute 21-4-101 (a)(vi) every person administering a home-based education program must submit a curriculum to the local district each year and the curriculum must show that the program meets basic educational requirements.

Our district receives federal grants and homeschool students can participate in any and all of those programs. Please consider this letter our first introduction to you regarding these program offerings. If you have any interest in your child participating we would be happy to answer questions and help in any way. We are required by the federal government to collect the information on the final form in this packet, which states we have informed you of your right to participate in the federally funded programs listed, and we thank you in advance for completing that form as well.

If there are any classes you would like to have your child(ren) participate in at your local school, you have the option of dual enrollment, even if for only one class period per day. Please contact the school principal if this is an option you would like to consider.

We hope this year will be rewarding and successful as you homeschool your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Justin Pierantoni  
Superintendent





# Homeschooling in Wyoming: FAQs

## What is a home-based educational program (homeschool)?

A home-based education program means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child's parent or legal guardian or a person designated by the parent or legal guardian. An instructional program provided to more than one (1) family unit does not constitute a home-based educational program. Wyoming Statute 21-4-101(a)(v).

## If I choose to homeschool my child in Wyoming, what must I do?

W.S. 21-4-102(b): "A home-based educational program shall meet the requirements of a basic academic educational program pursuant to W.S. 21-4-101(a)(v). It shall be the responsibility of every person administering a home-based educational program to submit a curriculum to the local board of trustees each year showing that the program complies with the requirements of this subsection."

W.S. 21-4-101(a)(vi) defines a basic academic educational program as a program providing a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in seven subjects: reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science.

Contact the school district where you reside for further information. The local school district may also have useful documents, such as a homeschool registration form that can take the place of a letter of intent, as well as where to mail or drop off the forms.

## My family has strong religious beliefs. Are we required to teach things that are in violation of our beliefs?

W.S. 21-4-101(a)(vi) states: "...These curriculum requirements do not require any private school or home-based educational program to include in its curriculum any concept, topic or practice in conflict with its religious doctrines..."

## Where can I read Wyoming's homeschool statutes?

Wyoming education statutes are available [here](#).

## What are standards? How can I read the academic standards for Wyoming?

There is no statutory requirement for alignment of the curriculum to Wyoming Content and Performance standards. However, if you are interested in the Wyoming Content and Performance standards, see the [Standards for Parents FAQ](#). To view the standards, refer to the [Content and Performance Webpage](#). Each content area is listed in the gray box and will take you to the content page.

## Is testing required of homeschooled students?

No testing is required of homeschool students who are participating in a school less than 50% of their educational time. Homeschool students are invited to participate in the state assessment, free of charge. The WY-TOPP assessment currently measures English Language Arts, Math, and Science. The test is administered in grades 1-10 on the Fall Interims and in grades 3-10, both on the Winter Interims and the State Summative Assessment. The Writing assessment measures writing in grades 3, 5, 7, and 9. The ACT assessment measures reading, writing, language, math, and science at grade 11. Your child may also participate in the WorkKeys assessments in grades 11 and 12. To participate in the assessments, contact your local district of your intent by November 1 of the year your child will participate. Visit the [Wyoming state assessment website](#) for more information on testing.

### **Can a home-school student participate in extracurricular activities (sports, music, and clubs)?**

W.S. 21-4-506(a) states that any school age child who is a resident of a school district and who is not enrolled as a full-time student in the district in which they reside, shall be permitted by the district to participate in any activities which are sanctioned by the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) and which are offered by the district subject to the following:

1. The district may require the student to pay any fees for participation that are required by the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA);
2. The district may charge that student an additional fee for participating, but that fee shall be no more than any fee for participating charged to full-time students of the district;
3. As a condition of participation, the student shall be required to comply with all other rules and policies of the district or any school activities association applicable to all students participating in the activity and not related to the assessment of fees or charges.

### **Are homeschools in Wyoming accredited?**

All homeschools in Wyoming are considered non-accredited private schools.

### **Can my student take some courses at the local school?**

A local district has the right to determine whether homeschool students can enroll in certain courses (such as a science lab or shop class at the high school). This should be written in district board policy and uniformly applied to all students (i.e. the district cannot allow one family to participate and then exclude another). No fees can be assessed unless they are required of students regularly enrolled in the public school.

### **Can my student take most courses at the local school and be homeschooled for one or two classes?**

This is determined by the district. This should be written in district board policy and uniformly applied to all students.

### **My child requires Special Education Services. Can s/he receive them through the public school?**

When a parent of an eligible Special Education child decides to homeschool the child, the parent communicates with their local school district. The local school district may develop a services plan for the child and use a "proportionate share" of the district's federal special education funding to provide special education services to the child. Link to the full document: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Parental-Placements-in-Private-Schools-and-Homeschools-1.pdf>.

### **How does a homeschool student earn a diploma?**

Because homeschools are non-accredited private schools, homeschoolers receive no diploma from the school or the state. Some commercial curriculum companies offer diplomas to students who complete their company's requirements. Some colleges allow prospective students to complete an entrance exam or portfolio. Another option is to complete a high school equivalency exam. Wyoming focuses on the HiSET <https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/state/wy>; while some states continue to administer the GED.

### **Can my student enroll in college or join the military with a homeschool education?**

Many colleges and universities accept transcripts from homeschooling families as evidence of having completed a standard curriculum. All four military branches accept a minimum number of homeschooled students. Each branch has a set percentage for each year. If your student is interested in military service, contact the specific military branch for further information.

### **Can my homeschool student qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship?**

Yes, students who graduate from a homeschool program are able to qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship. Homeschool students must apply for the scholarship before their 21st birthday, must have an ACT score (or WorkKeys for the Provisional Opportunity), and must meet Hathaway Success Curriculum course requirements (GPA is not considered for homeschool students). Applicants also need to produce a homeschool transcript. For more information about the Hathaway Scholarship's homeschool requirements visit the [HathawayScholarship.org](http://HathawayScholarship.org) page, [here](#) or email [hathawayScholarship@wyo.gov](mailto:hathawayScholarship@wyo.gov).

### **If my child is transitioning from homeschool to public school, who determines what grade my child is in?**

It is up to the local school to decide what grade a homeschooled child should enter, just as if a student was transferring from a different district or different state. Local schools do not have to accept credits earned from a homeschooled program.

### **What is the difference between attending an approved Wyoming virtual education program and a homeschool program?**

A student who is enrolled in an approved Wyoming virtual education program is enrolled in and receiving their instruction from a Wyoming public school.

### **What is the difference between a private online school and a homeschool program?**

In a homeschool, the parents or designated adult are the instructors. In a private online school, teachers manage the student's studies and deliver instruction to more than one family unit.

### **May my child participate in federal programs?**

Homeschool students have the right to participate in any federally-funded education program that they are eligible to participate in. For more details, visit <https://edu.wyoming.gov/for-district-leadership/federal-programs/>

### **My neighbor is homeschooling their children and I don't believe they are actually being taught. They are running the streets all day. Who do I call?**

If you believe a child is being neglected, you should notify your local office of the Wyoming Department of Family Services to file a complaint.

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**STANDARDIZED FORM FOR REPORTING BASIC ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM OF A HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN OF COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE (as defined by WS2I-4-102a)**

Student Name	Date of Birth	Grade	Program*		
			A	B	C
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Specify A, B or C to indicate the type of academic program the child is involved in:

- A - Correspondence or satellite schools,
- B - Curriculum supplied primarily by a single publisher or supplier, and/or
- C - Individually compiled or prepared curricula.

Wyoming law requires parents of a home-school student to submit a curriculum to the board that complies with the requirements of basic academic educational program pursuant to W.S. 21-4-101(a)(vi). That statute defines a “basic academic educational program” as: “one that provides a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature and science.”

Please provide sufficient information and materials to demonstrate that the curriculum complies with these requirements.

## TYPES OF PROGRAMS

### **Program A: Correspondence or Satellite Schools**

For children instructed at home by parents, guardians or assigned tutors using the services of a correspondence or satellite school.

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of principle contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Program B: Single Publisher**

For children instructed at home by parents, guardians or assigned tutors using the services of a correspondence or satellite school.

Name of Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of principle contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Program C: Individually Compiled Curriculum**

For children instructed at home by parents, guardians or assigned tutors using a basic course of study and curriculum materials designed and/or compiled by the parents, guardians or tutor.

List major suppliers of basic academic educational materials:

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<b>NAME OF SUPPLIER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
Reading		
Literature		
Writing		
Math		
Science		
Civics		
History		



Program C continued

Describe in detail your plans for providing a basic academic education for your child(ren) in the upcoming academic year:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Jessica Rocha at [jessica.rocha@laramie2.org](mailto:jessica.rocha@laramie2.org) OR  
mail to

LCSD#2

PO Box 489

Pine Bluffs, WY 82082

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## Grant Funded Programs Description

Title I	Provides support for academically underperforming students. These funds are currently being utilized by the district elementary schools: Albin Elementary, Burns Elementary, Carpenter Elementary and Pine Bluffs Elementary.
Title IIA	Provides support for teacher quality/professional development. These funds are utilized to assist staff with meeting school improvement goals through professional development opportunities.
Title III	Provides assistance to support immigrant students.
Title IV	Provides assistance to support safe and healthy schools. Three areas of need: Well Rounded Education, Safe and Healthy Students, Effective Use of Technology
Title VIB IDEA Part B 611 & 619	Provides support for students with special education needs. These funds are utilized for students that have been identified as having special needs in grades Pre-K through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or age 21.
Perkins	Provides support for career-technical education (CTE) programs. These funds are utilized for CTE programs that are part of a program of study.
McKinney-V ento	Provides extensive rights to students experiencing homelessness

**Please see attached form to choose the program(s) you wish to enroll your child(ren) into.**

**For questions regarding these Grant Funded Programs**

**Please call us at**

**307-245-4005**

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## Verification of Non-Profit Private or Home School Participation

**District:** Laramie County School District #2

**School Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

***DISTRICT SHOULD SUBMIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM(S) TO WDE. IF A NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOL OR HOME SCHOOL REFUSES TO SIGN THE FORM, PLEASE SUBMIT VERIFICATION OF FORMS HAVING BEEN PROVIDED TO SUCH SCHOOLS OR INDIVIDUALS.***

Private School's Name or Home School Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of students attending the home or private school: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am aware** that the U.S. Education Department General Administrative Regulations, 34 CFR 76.650 – 76.662, require that sub-grantees shall provide students enrolled in private or home schools with an **opportunity for equitable participation**. **No funds can be paid directly to the private or home school.** If we participate, we will keep such records and make such reports as may be required for program audit.

I have been contacted as to my desire to participate in the programs listed.      Yes            No     

I was given the opportunity to become involved in the systematic      Yes      No              
 planning, design, and implementation of this project.

I wish for my school/child(ren) to participate in the following programs I have checked:

Program	Program Description:	Check, if services are requested	Number of Students	
			M	F
*Title I, Part A	Reading and/or math programs to help at-risk students meet challenging content & performance standards. <b>Note to District- Enter name of school site where Title I services will actually be received:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Title II, Part A	Professional development activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Title III	Immigrant programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Title IV	Safe and healthy school programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Title II, Part A	Professional development activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Perkins	Vocational & technical programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
IDEA Part B 611	Excess costs for special education student programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
IDEA Part B 619	Excess costs for special education student programs, ages 3-5, including Child Find activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
McKinney-Vento	Protects the rights of students in transition.	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Signature of Private/Home School Official: \_\_\_\_\_

This signature does not constitute an endorsement of the programs or projects being proposed.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_