

DELAWARE

Compulsory Attendance Ages: “between 5 [on or before August 31] and 16 years of age,” unless the local school authorities determine that beginning school is not “in the best interest of the child.” 14 Del. C. § 2702(a)–(b).

Required Days of Instruction: None.

Required Subjects: None, except under Option 3, in which case the homeschool must provide “regular and thorough instruction . . . in the subjects prescribed for the public schools of the State.” 14 Del. C. § 2703A(3).

Home School Statute: 14 Delaware Code section 2703A.

Home schools have three options from which to choose. Under all three options, homeschools must report end of the year attendance information to the Department of Education on or before July 31 of each year. On or before October 5, homeschools must also submit an annual statement of enrollment as of the last school day in September. Both reports must be on forms prescribed by the Department of Education. 14 Del. C. § 2704. These forms are available at <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3074>.

Option 1: “Single-family homeschool” “means the education of one’s own child(ren) primarily by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of such child(ren) mainly in their own residence.” 14 Del. C. § 2703A(2).

Option 2: “Multi-family homeschool” “means the education of children, primarily by the parents(s) or legal guardian(s) of such children mainly in one or several residences, or other facilities, when such children are not all related to each other as brother or sister. A person shall act as a liaison to the Department of Education for reporting enrollment and attendance information for all families involved.” 14 Del. C. § 2703A(1).

Option 3: “Single-family homeschool coordinated with the local school district” “means the education of child(ren) primarily by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of such child(ren) mainly in their own residence using a curriculum approved by the local superintendent or the local superintendent’s designee. The local superintendent shall determine in writing that the student is or will be provided with regular and thorough instruction by the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the subjects prescribed for the public schools of the State and in a manner suitable to children of the same age and stage of advancement.” 14 Del. C. § 2703A(3).

Teacher Qualifications: None.

Standardized Tests: None.