

(Based on information posted 7/27/2021 at the site below)

<https://www.tn.gov/education/school-options/home-schooling-in-tn.html>

For FAQs, Tennessee Academic Standards, Graduation Requirements, Assessment Information, and more information including a list of Approved Homeschools, visit the site above.

Parents in Tennessee may choose to home-school their own children in grades K - 12. The Tennessee Home School law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3050) states: "A home school is a school conducted or directed by a parent or parents or a legal guardian or guardians for their own children."

Parents desiring to home school their own children may do so by **choosing one of the following three options:**

1. Independent Home School

Parents may home school their own children pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3050 by registering with their local school district. The law states that independent home school students must do the following things:

- "Provide annual notice to the local director of schools prior to each school year of the parent-teachers' intent to conduct a home school and, for the purpose of reporting only, submission to the director of schools of the:
 - names, number, ages and grade levels of the children to be homeschooled,
 - the location of the school,
 - the proposed curriculum to be offered,
 - the proposed hours of instruction and
 - the qualifications of the parent-teacher";
 - Maintain attendance records and submit these records to the Director of Schools at the end of each school year, and
 - Submit proof of vaccination and receipt of any health services or examinations as required by law.
- Parents choosing this educational option should begin by contacting the local school district. The parent will **be required to complete an "Intent to Home School" form and provide evidence of a high school diploma or GED.**
- Student attendance (**at least 4 hours per day, 180 days per year**) must be reported to the local school district at the end of the school year. (Attendance Calendar Provided)
- **Testing of independent home school students is required in grades 5, 7, and 9** and coordinated through the local school district.

Requirement	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Parent's Education	High School Diploma or GED	High School Diploma or GED
Registration	With local school system prior to each school year	With local school system prior to each school year
Attendance	4 hours per day, 180 days per year	4 hours per day, 180 days per year
Record Keeping and Reporting	Attendance Record sent to Director of Schools at the end of the school year	Attendance Record sent to Director of Schools at the end of the school year
Testing	In grades 5 and 7, same state board approved secure standardized tests required of public school students	In grade 9 same state board approved secure standardized tests required of public school students but NOT the high school proficiency test

Requirement	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Location and Cost of Testing	In the local public school which the student would otherwise attend at no charge OR by a professional testing service at parent's expense	In the local public school which the student would otherwise attend at no charge OR by a professional testing service at parent's expense
Test Sanctions	1 year or more below grade level for 2 years in a row, superintendent MAY require parents to enroll child in public or private school (unless child is learning disabled)	1 year or more below grade level for 2 years in a row, superintendent MAY require parents to enroll child in public or private school (unless child is learning disabled)
Enter or Re-Enter Public or Approved Private School	Must be tested for grade placement	Must be tested in each subject for credit toward graduation
High School Diploma or Certificate of Attendance	None provided - Parent creates	None provided - Parent creates

2. Church Related Umbrella School

By authority of the same statute, parents may also home school their own children by registering with a church-related "umbrella" school defined by Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-50-801. **Parents who choose this option will be required to provide evidence to the local school district that their child is enrolled in a church-related school.** An Intent to Home School form is not required for students who are enrolled in a church-related school. The church-related school will determine record keeping and test requirements for students enrolled in an umbrella program.

3. Accredited Online School

Parents may also enroll their child in an accredited online school. Parents choosing this educational option must be sure to determine that the school has legitimate accreditation status and will be **required to provide evidence to the local school district that their child is enrolled in an accredited online school.**

To be an acceptable online school for students who reside in Tennessee, the school must be accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies listed below:

- AdvancED
- SACS CASI - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement
- NCA CASI - North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.
- NWAC - Northwest Accreditation Commission
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- MSCES – Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools
- MSCSS – Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and affiliates (e.g., SAIS)
- National Council of Private School Accreditation (NCPA)

NOTE: For Options 2 and 3 above, these schools usually provide us a roster after school begins, but if you are a student “new to homeschooling,” please contact your current school to make them aware of your intentions AND the local board of education with some EVIDENCE OF ACCEPTANCE that must be included in the student’s permanent record. Failure to comply can lead to TRUANCY AND LEGAL ISSUES.

Tennessee Notice of Intent to Home School

To be completed by school system:	
School system name:	System number:
Date received:	
Received by name:	
Signature:	
Title:	

This form should be completed only by parent(s) conducting a home school under the supervision of the superintendent of a local education agency (LEA).

“Home schools” are schools conducted by parents or legal guardians for their own children, which are distinct from degree-granting online or distance education schools. This form may be utilized as notice of your intent to conduct a home school, meaning that you will serve as the primary teacher for the student(s) as permitted by T.C.A. §49-6-3050. **Please complete both pages of the form and return both pages to your local public school system office before the start of each school year.**

PLEASE PRINT

Part 1. Student Information

A. **Grades K-8:** For each student in grades K-8, please list the following information:

1.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	
2.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	
3.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	
4.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	

B. **Grades 9-12:** For each student in grades 9-12, please list the following information:

1.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	
2.	Last name	First name	Grade	Subjects to be taught
	Age	Birthdate	Social security number (optional)	

Tennessee Notice of Intent to Home School

Part 2. Parent Information

Please provide information **only** for the parent(s) or guardian(s) who will teach.

Last Name

First Name

A. Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) (Mother) _____

(Father) _____

or

(Guardian) _____

B. Contact Information

Home (Mailing Address) _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

Email Address _____

C. Parent/Guardian Educational Background (**complete only for parent(s)/guardian(s) who will teach**)

1. For grades K-12, I have a GED or high school diploma. _____ Yes _____ No
2. If mailing this form, please attach documentation of qualifying education. If presenting this form in person, please bring documentation of your qualifying education for school staff to verify.

Part 3. Health Records

Please attach documentation that student(s) have received immunizations as required by T.C.A. § 49-6-5001.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Indicate Proposed Curriculum to be used here: _____

HOME SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDANCE CALENDAR

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Grade _____

Home Address _____

2022-2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2022						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 2022						
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October 2022						
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November 2022						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2022						
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March 2023						
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April 2023						
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May 2023						
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28	29	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2023						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

State law requires that a parent teacher conducting a home school must comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Maintenance of attendance records, subject to inspection by local director of schools, and **submission of those records to the director of schools at the end of the school year.**
- (2) Instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for 180 instructional days.

Helpful Homeschool Links

Site Description	Link
TDOE Homeschool Site	https://www.tn.gov/education/school-options/home-schooling-in-tn.html
Curriculum Resources	Tennessee Academic Standards Tennessee Graduation Requirements Tennessee Assessments
Non-Public School List	https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/nonpublic/Nonpublic_Schools_2022-23_upd_6_20_22.xlsx
Approved TN Virtual Schools	https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/nonpublic/chtr_sch/TN_Virtual_Schools_SY2022_23_rev6_5_22.xlsx

Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine: What You Need to Know

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1. Why get vaccinated?

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine can help protect against **meningococcal disease** caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y. A different meningococcal vaccine is available that can help protect against serogroup B.

Meningococcal disease can cause meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and infections of the blood. Even when it is treated, meningococcal disease kills 10 to 15 infected people out of 100. And of those who survive, about 10 to 20 out of every 100 will suffer disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, kidney damage, loss of limbs, nervous system problems, or severe scars from skin grafts.

Meningococcal disease is rare and has declined in the United States since the 1990s. However, it is a severe disease with a significant risk of death or lasting disabilities in people who get it.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease. Certain people are at increased risk, including:

- Infants younger than one year old
- Adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years old
- People with certain medical conditions that affect the immune system
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*, the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease
- People at risk because of an outbreak in their community

2. Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Adolescents need 2 doses of a meningococcal ACWY vaccine:

- First dose: 11 or 12 year of age
- Second (booster) dose: 16 years of age

In addition to routine vaccination for adolescents, meningococcal ACWY vaccine is also recommended for **certain groups of people**:

- People at risk because of a serogroup A, C, W, or Y meningococcal disease outbreak
- People with HIV
- Anyone whose spleen is damaged or has been removed, including people with sickle cell disease
- Anyone with a rare immune system condition called “complement component deficiency”
- Anyone taking a type of drug called a “complement inhibitor,” such as eculizumab (also called “Soliris”®) or ravulizumab (also called “Ultomiris”®)
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*
- Anyone traveling to or living in a part of the world where meningococcal disease is common, such as parts of Africa
- College freshmen living in residence halls who have not been completely vaccinated with meningococcal ACWY vaccine
- U.S. military recruits



3. Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone meningococcal ACWY vaccination until a future visit.

There is limited information on the risks of this vaccine for pregnant or breastfeeding people, but no safety concerns have been identified. A pregnant or breastfeeding person should be vaccinated if indicated.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.

4. Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Redness or soreness where the shot is given can happen after meningococcal ACWY vaccination.
- A small percentage of people who receive meningococcal ACWY vaccine experience muscle pain, headache, or tiredness.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5. What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff members do not give medical advice.*

6. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Claims regarding alleged injury or death due to vaccination have a time limit for filing, which may be as short as two years. Visit the VICP website at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim.

7. How can I learn more?

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Visit the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for vaccine package inserts and additional information at www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
 - Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.



Chester County Board of Education

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1 *General*

2 A home school is a school conducted or directed by parent(s)/guardian(s) for their own children. Home
3 schools which teach grades K-12 where the parent(s)/guardian(s) are associated with an organization
4 that conducts church-related schools¹ are exempt from the following provisions but shall follow
5 procedures issued by the State Department of Education.

6 A parent/guardian wishing to conduct a home school shall meet the following requirements:²

- 7 1. Provide annual notice to the Director of Schools before the commencement of each school year of
8 the intent to conduct a home school;
- 9 2. Submit to the Director of Schools the name, number, age, grade level of children involved, location
10 of the school, curriculum to be offered, proposed hours of instruction, and qualifications of the
11 parent-teacher;
- 12 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection by the Director of Schools;
- 13 4. Submit attendance records to the Director of Schools at the end of each school year;
- 14 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of instructional days as
15 are required by state law;³
- 16 6. Possess a high school diploma, GED, or HiSET;⁴
- 17 7. Cooperate in the administration to home school students of appropriate tests by the Commissioner
18 of Education/designee or by a professional testing service in grades five (5), seven (7), and nine (9);
- 19 8. Take actions according to state law if home school student falls behind appropriate grade level;
- 20 9. Submit proof to the Director of Schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as required
21 by state law;⁵
- 22 10. Submit proof to the Director of Schools that other health services and examinations as required by
23 state law have been received by the home school student; and
- 24 11. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a specific subject,
25 employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of parent-teacher.

1 If one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board authorizes the Director of Schools to take
2 formal action to bring the child into compliance with the compulsory attendance law (until the child has
3 reached age seventeen (17), either in the home school or in a public, private, or church-related school).

4 **FACILITIES USE**

5 School facilities shall be available for home school instruction only when all of the following conditions
6 exist:

- 7 1. Special needs courses are being taught which require services unavailable to the home school
8 student;
- 9 2. These services cannot be provided through any means other than the schools;
- 10 3. Requests for services are made known by the home school parent when notice is given to the
11 Director of Schools of the intent to conduct a home school;
- 12 4. The Director of Schools investigates the request and makes recommendations to the Board;
- 13 5. No overcrowding, additional expenses, including providing transportation, or other special
14 situations which interfere with the normal operation of the school district shall be incurred; and
- 15 6. Approval by the Board shall be on a case-by-case basis.

16 **RECORD ACCEESS**

17 The Director of Schools, through the Attendance Supervisor, shall have the attendance records of the
18 home school inspected at least two (2) times each school year in order to provide assistance in
19 implementing the compulsory attendance law.

20 **STUDENT PERFORMANCE⁶**

21 The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures regarding necessary consultations
22 with home school parents in regard to student performance.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-50-801(a)
2. TCA 49-6-3050(b)
3. TCA 49-6-3004(a)
4. Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 493
5. TCA 49-6-5001
6. TCA 49-6-3050(b)(6)

Cross References

Compulsory Attendance Ages 6.201