

HOMESCHOOLING IN ARIZONA?

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5 STEPS TO FILING YOUR AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO HOMESCHOOL



DOWNLOAD AFFIDAVIT

Complete an Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool for each child who is between the ages of 6 and 16.



GET IT NOTARIZED

Sign the affidavit in the presence of a Notary Public. Make a copy for your records.



SUBMIT PROOF OF BIRTH

The affidavit must be accompanied by a certified birth certificate. The County will return the original to you after a copy is made.



DELIVER TO THE COUNTY

Mail or hand deliver the affidavit and birth certificate to the County School Superintendent's office.



GET STARTED

Provide instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, math, science, and social studies.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parents of homeschooled students ages 6-16 are required to file a notarized Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool with the County School Superintendent within 30 days of starting to homeschool. This is filed one time, not annually. You can begin homeschooling younger than age 6 without a problem. You'll just wait until your child turns 6 to file the affidavit.

The affidavit is available for download from the AFHE website **AFHE.ORG/AZ-LAW**. The affidavit must include the child's name, date of birth, current address, and name, telephone, and address of parent or legal guardian. AFHE does not recommend providing more information than is required by law. Some counties have their own affidavit that may request information not required by law. Do not file the affidavit for children under age 6 or over the age of 16 as these students fall outside of compulsory attendance age. The County only accept affidavits for homeschooled students ages 6 to 16.

GETTING THE AFFIDAVIT NOTARIZED

Wait to sign the affidavit until you are in the presence of the Notary Public. Bring your photo I.D. Your local bank is a common place to find a notary. Or the County School Superintendent's office should have a Notary Public on staff that can assist you if you go in person.

MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Once you get the affidavit notarized, make a copy for yourself and store in a safe place. Submit the original affidavit to the County School Superintendent's office.

OPTION 1: MAIL THE AFFIDAVIT

You can mail the notarized affidavit to the County along with your child's certified birth certificate. County staff will make a copy of the birth certificate for their records and mail the original back to you.

OPTION 2: HAND DELIVER THE AFFIDAVIT

If you do not wish to send the affidavit and your child's birth certificate to the county by mail, you have the option to hand deliver the documents and wait while the clerk makes a copy of the birth certificate for their file and returns the original to you at that time. They'll even notarize the affidavit for you and give you a copy (available in most counties).

WHEN NOT TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT

If your child is enrolled in a virtual charter school (public school at home program) or has an ESA (Empowerment Scholarship Account), you will **not** file an Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool. These taxpayer-funded at-home education options do not fall under the legal definition of homeschooling in Arizona.

PROOF OF BIRTH

Proof of birth must be submitted with the notarized affidavit. The most common document is the birth certificate. This must be a certified copy (not a photocopy). Please refer to ARS §15-828 for other acceptable proofs of birth if a birth certificate is not available. The original birth certificate will be returned to you after the County has made a copy for their records.

MOVING TO A DIFFERENT ARIZONA COUNTY

If you move from one Arizona county to another, you will need to file a new affidavit and provide proof of birth to the county you are moving to. Also, notify the previous county that you have moved.

TERMINATION OF HOMESCHOOLING

If you enroll your child in a public school, charter school, virtual public school, or private school (including hybrid private schools), or move out of state, notify the county within 30 days of termination of homeschooling.

REVIEW THE LAW

All parents should review Arizona state statutes regarding homeschooling to familiarize yourself with what's required and what protections the law provides.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ARIZONA HOMESCHOOL LAW
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