

# SOUTH CAROLINA

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## UNDERSTAND YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Compulsory school age is 5 - 17 years old.

### THREE OPTIONS FOR HOMESCHOOLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Homeschooling Under the School District

- Parents may homeschool their children at home if the district board of trustees approves and the following standards are met:
  - the parent holds at least a high school diploma or the equivalent certificate or has earned a baccalaureate degree.
  - the instructional day is at least four and one-half hours, excluding lunch and recesses, and the instructional year is at least one hundred eighty days.
  - the curriculum includes, but is not limited to, the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies and in grades seven through twelve, composition and literature.
- Parents must maintain records of attendance, subjects taught, samples of the student's academic work, and a record of evaluations of the student's academic progress in each of the basic instructional areas and submit a semiannual progress report to the school district.

#### South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS)

- Parents simply enroll in SCAIHS and follow the rules and policies required by SCAIHS.  
The minimum requirements are:
  - Parents must have at least a high school diploma or GED.
  - Parents must instruct for 180 days per school year.
  - The curriculum used must include reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and, in grades 7-12, composition and literature.

#### Homeschool Association

- Parents must find a homeschool association with at least 50 member families.
- Parents must comply with the homeschool associations requirements.  
The minimum requirements per state law are:
  - Parents must have at least a high school diploma or GED.
  - Parents must instruct for at least 180 days per year.
  - The curriculum used must include reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and, in grades 7-12, composition and literature.
  - Parents must keep the following education records:
    - a plan book of subjects taught and activities
    - a portfolio of work samples
    - a semiannual progress report including attendance records and documentation of your child's academic progress.