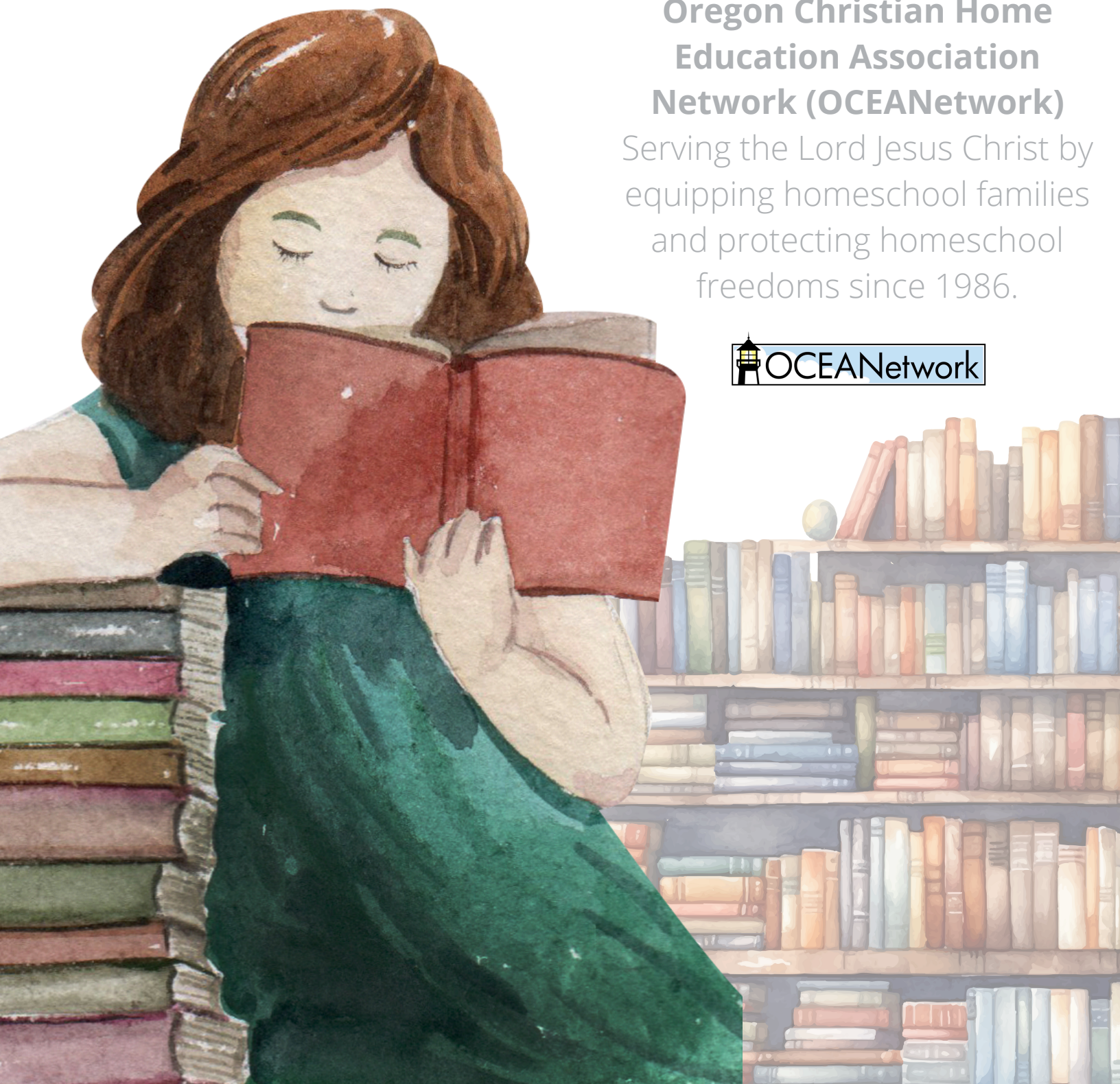


- GET STARTED IN OREGON - HOMESCHOOLING

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freedoms since 1986.





Oregon Homeschool Laws & Requirements

For more details and information that's kept up-to-date, go to the [Summary of Homeschool Laws](https://www.oceanetwork.org/summary-homeschool-law/) page on the OCEANetwork Web site.
(<https://www.oceanetwork.org/summary-homeschool-law/>)

Notification

Notify the Educational Service District (ESD) of your intent to homeschool.

- Notification needs to be sent for each child when they turn 6 by September 1 of that school year.
- If you are withdrawing from public school, notify the ESD of your intent to homeschool within 10 days of beginning your homeschool.
- There is a “Letter of Intent to Homeschool” example in this binder or you can fill one out to print at <https://www.oceanetwork.org/oregon-homeschool-letter-of-intent/>.
- Only provide the required information in your letter:
 - Your name and address.
 - Name and birthdate of child.
 - Name of the last public school your child attended or the school district in which you reside.
 - For a child with a disability/special needs, you also need to include that the child has a disability.
- We recommend sending a paper letter in lieu of using the online notification/registration forms ESDs provide.
- ESDs are required to send an acknowledgment of receipt of your notification within 90 days.
- Additional information:
 - <https://www.oceanetwork.org/letter-of-intent-to-homeschool-in-oregon/>
 - <https://www.oceanetwork.org/register-to-homeschool-in-oregon/>

Evaluations

Complete evaluations at the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10 by August 15th.

- If you recently withdrew from public or private school, wait at least 18 months before doing the required standardized testing.
- Evaluations must be completed by a qualified tester who is not related to the student. (For more details on qualifications and a list from the ODE of qualified testers, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-laws-no-special-needs/>)

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- Keep test results on hand in the event your ESD requests them. (Some ESDs never do, some make a blanket request in their acknowledgment in reply to your letter of intent.)
- If your student scores below the 15th percentile on their standardized test, they must test again the following year. The score for the second test must be the same or better than the previous year or they will enter a remediation process. For more information, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-laws-no-special-needs/#evaluations>)

Interscholastic Activities

By law (ORS 339.460), homeschool students in Oregon are allowed to participate in public school interscholastic activities. Such activities include but are not limited to “athletics, music, speech, and other related activities.”

- To participate, homeschool students have additional testing requirements.
- They must complete standardized testing every year by June 15.
- They must score at or above the 23rd percentile based on national norms.
- The results must be submitted to the school district before participating in the activity.
- For more details, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/interscholastic/>
- NOTE: There are also several homeschool sports programs in Oregon. Inquire in your local support groups to find out what is near you.

Homeschooling Students with Special Needs

Oregon homeschool laws make provisions for home educating children with eligible disabilities and allows alternatives to standardized testing.

- Submit a letter of intent as described above.
- Evaluations must be completed at the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10.
- Evaluation options:
 - Complete standardized testing just as with a non-special needs child
 - Work with the school district on an IEP (services are provided at the school district’s discretion)
 - Create a Privately Developed Plan (PDP) which was developed in Oregon as a low-cost alternative that gives parents the most flexibility and control.
 - IEP and PDP options require an official diagnosis.
- For more information about requirements for homeschooling special needs students, read here:
 - <https://www.oceanetwork.org/laws-with-disabilities/>
 - <https://www.oceanetwork.org/privately-developed-plan/>
 - <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-special-needs-oregon-support/>

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What's NOT Required

- Portfolios or other work samples
- Attendance, # of hours a day, # of days a week
- Certain courses, subjects, etc.
- Certain graduation requirements

What about Charter Schools?

Charter schools are technically public schools, and so the above homeschool laws and requirements do not apply. You'd need to talk with the charter schools to see what is required. Be sure that when you are discussing requirements, testing, notification, etc. with others that you are both discussing the same type of schooling option. Otherwise there is sure to be confusion.

OCEANetwork support parents' rights to choose the method that best fits their family. However, there are several reasons why we focus on and recommend independent homeschooling over other educational models.

For more information on that, read these posts:

- <https://www.oceanetwork.org/charter-schools-in-oregon/>
- <https://www.oceanetwork.org/protecting-private-homeschooling-law/>
- <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-freedom-works/>

(Letter of Intent Example)

Dear Sirs,

This is to inform you that we intend to home educate our child,
_____, birth date _____.

We reside in _____ School District.

Our address is _____.

Sincerely,

County	Education Service Dist.	Address		Phone	Website
Baker	InterMountain ESD	2001 SW Nye Ave	Pendleton, OR 97801-4416	541-276-6616	https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/
Benton	Linn Benton Lincoln ESD	905 4th Ave SE	Albany, OR 97321-3199	541-812-2600	https://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/
Clackamas	Clackamas ESD	13455 SE 97th Ave	Clackamas, OR 97015-8662	503-675-4000	https://www.clackasesd.org/
Clatsop	NW Regional ESD	5825 NE Ray Cir	Hillsboro, OR 97124-6436	503-614-1428	https://www.nwresd.org/
Columbia	NW Regional ESD	5825 NE Ray Cir	Hillsboro, OR 97124-6436	503-614-1428	https://www.nwresd.org/
Coos	South Coast ESD	1350 Teakwood Ave	Coos Bay, OR 97420-2537	541-269-1611	https://www.scesd.k12.or.us/
Crook	High Desert ESD	2804 SW 6th St Ste 101 R	Redmond, OR 97756-7143	541-693-5600	http://www.hdesd.org/
Curry	South Coast ESD	1350 Teakwood Ave	Coos Bay, OR 97420-2537	541-269-1611	http://www.scesd.k12.or.us/
Deschutes	High Desert ESD	2804 SW 6th St Ste 101 R	Redmond, OR 97756-7143	541-693-5600	http://www.hdesd.org/
Douglas	Douglas ESD	1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, Ste 110	Roseburg, OR 97470	541-440-4777	https://douglassesd.k12.or.us/
Gilliam	North Central ESD	PO Box 637	Condon, OR 97823-0637	800-450-2732	https://www.ncesd.k12.or.us
Grant	Grant County ESD	835 S Canyon Blvd	John Day, OR 97845-1056	541-575-1349	http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/
Harney	Harney ESD	PO Box 460	Burns, OR 97720-0460	541-573-2122	http://www.harneyesd.k12.or.us/
Hood River	Columbia Gorge ESD	400 E Scenic Dr Ste 207	The Dalles, OR 97058-3447	541-298-5155	https://www.cgcesd.k12.or.us/
Jackson	Southern Oregon ESD	101 N Grape St	Medford, OR 97501-2793	541-776-8590	https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/
Jefferson	Jefferson ESD	295 SE Buff St	Madras, OR 97741-2108	541-475-2804	https://icesd.k12.or.us/
Josephine	Southern Oregon ESD	101 N Grape St	Medford, OR 97501-2793	541-776-8590	https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/
Klamath	Southern Oregon ESD	101 N Grape St	Medford, OR 97501-2793	541-776-8590	https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/
Lake	Lake ESD	357 N L St	Lakeview, OR 97630-1232	541-947-3371	http://www.lakeesd.k12.or.us/
Lane	Lane ESD	1200 Highway 99 N	Eugene, OR 97402-2014	541-461-8200	https://www.lanesd.k12.or.us/
Lincoln	Linn Benton Lincoln ESD	905 4th Ave SE	Albany, OR 97321-3199	541-812-2600	https://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/
Linn	Linn Benton Lincoln ESD	905 4th Ave SE	Albany, OR 97321-3199	541-812-2600	https://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/
Malheur	Malheur ESD	363 A St W	Vale, OR 97918-1305	541-473-4826	https://malesd.k12.or.us/
Marion	Willamette ESD	2611 Pringle Rd SE	Salem, OR 97302-1533	503-588-5330	https://www.wesd.org/
Morrow	InterMountain ESD	2001 SW Nye Ave	Pendleton, OR 97801-4416	541-276-6616	https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/
Multnomah	Multnomah ESD	11611 NE Ainsworth	Portland, OR 97294-9039	503-255-1841	https://www.multnomahesd.org/
Polk	Willamette ESD	2611 Pringle Rd SE	Salem, OR 97302-1533	503-588-5330	https://www.wesd.org/
Sherman	North Central ESD	PO Box 637	Condon, OR 97823-0637	800-450-2732	https://www.ncesd.k12.or.us
Tillamook	NW Regional ESD	5825 NE Ray Cir	Hillsboro, OR 97124-6436	503-614-1428	http://www.nwresd.org/
Umatilla	InterMountain ESD	2001 SW Nye Ave	Pendleton, OR 97801-4416	541-276-6616	https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/
Union	InterMountain ESD	2001 SW Nye Ave	Pendleton, OR 97801-4416	541-276-6616	https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/
Wallowa	Region 18 Wallowa ESD	107 SW 1st St Ste 105	Enterprise, OR 97828-1285	541-426-4997	http://www.wallowaesd.k12.or.us/
Wasco	Columbia Gorge ESD	400 E Scenic Dr Ste 207	The Dalles, OR 97058-3447	541-298-5155	https://www.cgcesd.k12.or.us/
Washington	NW Regional ESD	5825 NE Ray Cir	Hillsboro, OR 97124-6436	503-614-1428	http://www.nwresd.org/
Wheeler	North Central ESD	PO Box 637	Condon, OR 97823-0637	800-450-2732	https://www.ncesd.k12.or.us
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Homeschool Grants in Oregon – HSLDA Compassion



Are you a homeschooling family (or do you know one in your community) who is in crisis or is struggling to continue your homeschooling journey in the midst of uncontrollable circumstances? **HSLDA Compassion** may be just the resource needed to help you during this time. (<https://hsllda.org/community/grants-for-homeschooling>)

Contact Deborah Butler, the Oregon State Ambassador for HSLDA Compassion, for more information.

You can learn about curriculum grants and disaster relief grants for Oregon homeschoolers to see if you qualify. Here is a summary of the various situations that have been helped in the past:

- Disaster Relief
- Emergency Response
- Military Families
- Prolonged Unemployment
- Severe Medical Circumstances
- Single Parent Families
- Special Needs Children
- Widows

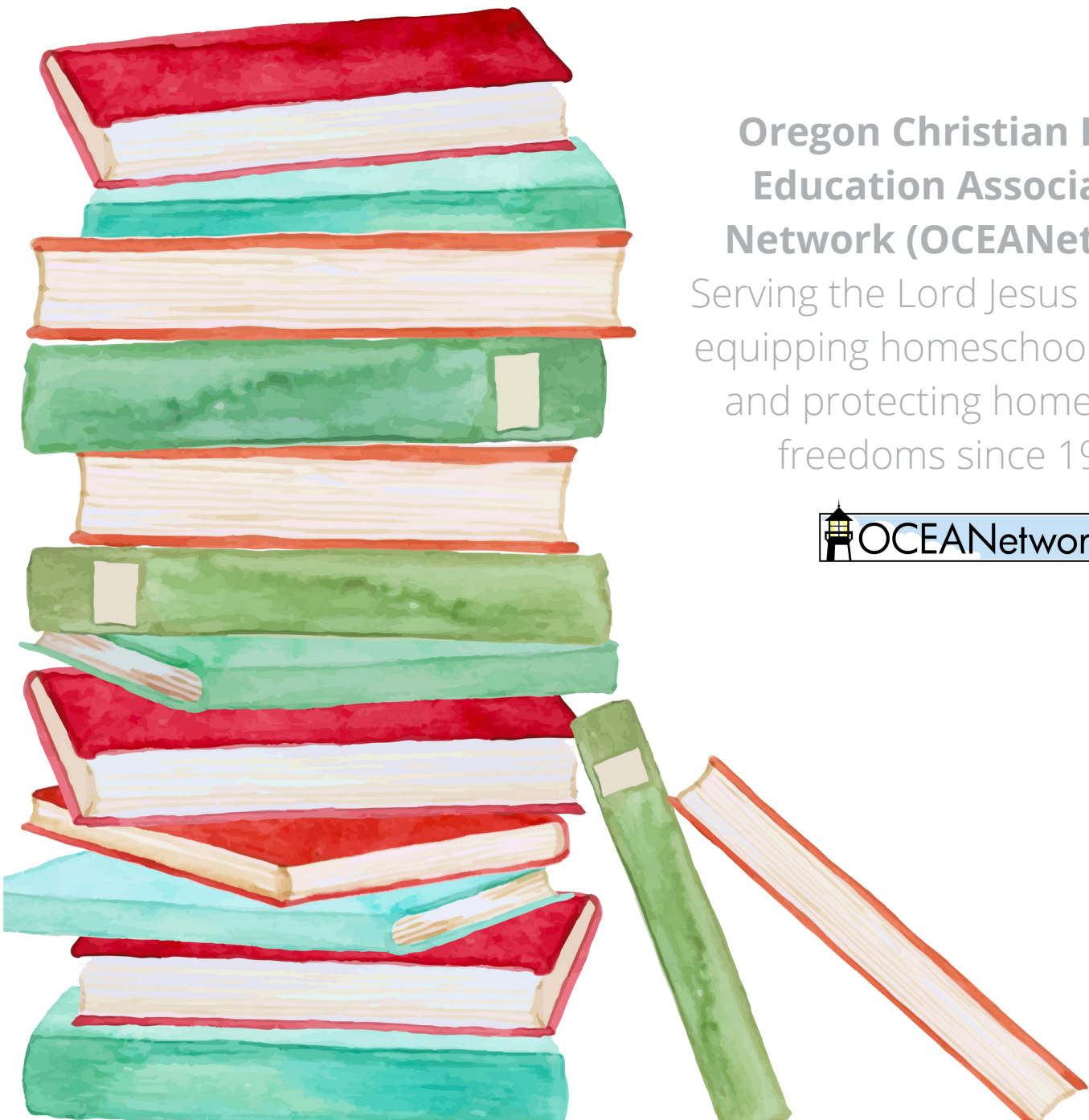
HSLDA Compassion has a vision “To see every homeschooling family have the resources they need to provide the best education they can for their children,” and OCEANetwork is pleased to support them in that effort.

Funds have been set aside specifically for Oregon homeschoolers, so email Deborah Butler today and find out more!

Deborah Butler: hsllda.or.amb.butler@gmail.com

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OCEANetwork has a heart for encouraging and equipping homeschool families in Oregon, as well as protecting our freedoms to educate our children as we see fit.

When you are getting ready to start homeschooling, it is important to seek the Lord in prayer and go to the Scriptures for guidance. It is also helpful to have a simple plan in place as you launch into homeschooling. We hope that these planning pages will help you start in that direction. You can use these pages to plan ahead, record what you actually did, or both!

- **Praying for Our Homeschool** - Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you cast the vision for your homeschool. You'll find that prayer and the Word of God are your best tools for everything in your homeschool, including family discipleship, planning, and more.
- **Our Homeschool Vision** - Prayerfully discuss the vision for your homeschool with your family and write a few sentences or bullet points that capture it. Write down your top 4 priorities for the year and a few notes on how you'll focus on them. Then list out any specific goals you have for your family and home education.
- **Course of Study** - Print this page for each student and consider what subjects, resources, character training, and life skills you'd like to focus on this year.
- **Yearly Plan** - This is your year-at-a-glance page. Block out any breaks or vacations you'd like to take, holidays and special days, and perhaps any milestones you'd like to reach in your studies.
- **Quarterly Planning** - Each quarter, take some time to jot down projects, activities, milestones, etc. that you'd like to accomplish.
- **Monthly Planner** - Print this page out for each month. Consider any goals, major tasks, and other notes you want to keep in focus.
- **Weekly List** - You can print this page for each week you homeschool or laminate it and keep it as a work list. Any lessons, family events, goals, etc. can be kept here. Older children can each have their own copy of this page to plan and track their work for the week.
- **Unit Study Planner** - Plan out a fun project or unit study with this page! This is a wonderful way to incorporate delight-directed learning into your homeschool or just add some fun to the mix.
- **Field Trips** - With so many fun learning experiences to explore in Oregon, it can be hard to keep track of them all. Jot down your field trip ideas, the week or month you'd like to try it, and any notes to keep in mind.

Please go to [Getting Started Homeschooling in Oregon](#) for more information about Oregon homeschool law, tips on preparing to homeschool, and more.

Homeschooling is a joy and a blessing. We pray that the Lord guides you on this journey! Feel free to [contact us](#) anytime if you have questions about homeschooling in Oregon. We're happy to help!

~ The OCEANetwork Team

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PRAYING FOR OUR HOMESCHOOL

Vision

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matthew 6:33

Discipleship

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:6 – 7

Learning

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
Proverbs 2:6

Relationships

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
Romans 12:10

Encouragement

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Perseverance

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

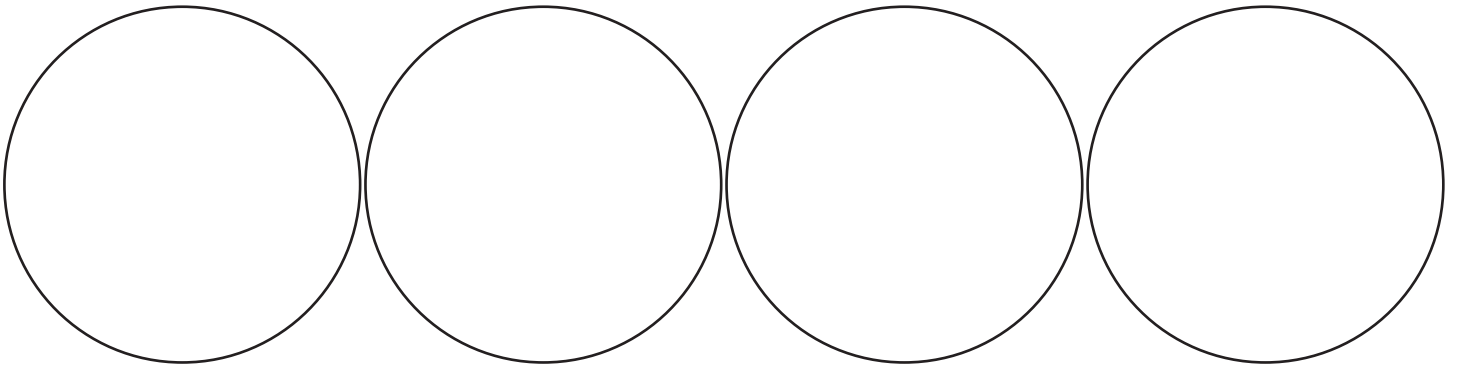
Planning

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:6

Scriptures to Encourage My Student

OUR HOMESCHOOL VISION

OUR PRIORITIES



GOALS FOR THE YEAR

COURSE OF STUDY

Student: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Subject

Resource

Notes

Subject	Resource	Notes

Character & Life Skills

Character & Life Skills

QUARTERLY PLANNING

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

MONTHLY PLANNER

JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC

TOP GOALS

THINGS TO DO

NOTES

WEEKLY LIST

WEEK OF _____

SCHEDULE	TOP GOALS
Monday	1 2 3 4
Tuesday	5 6 7 8 9
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Saturday	NOTES
Sunday	

UNIT STUDY PLANNER

Theme: _____

Date: _____

Books & Videos

Activities

Supplies

Notes

HIGH SCHOOL 4-YEAR PLAN

9th Grade

Course	Credits

Notes

10th Grade

Course	Credits

Notes

11th Grade

Course	Credits

Notes

12th Grade

Course	Credits

Notes



Getting Started Homeschooling FAQ

This document was last updated 6/13/22 and provides some answers to frequently asked questions. Please go to the provided links for additional details and the most up-to-date information. Note that OCEANetwork does not provide legal advice.

Getting Started Homeschooling FAQ

- What are the requirements for homeschooling in Oregon?
- How do I homeschool my special needs student?
- How do I send a letter of intent?
- What do we do for standardized testing?
- Which homeschool methods & styles are best for me?
- What are learning styles and how can they help?
- How do I know what to teach & when?
- How do I choose curriculum?
- How do I plan my homeschool year?
- How do I schedule my day?
- How do I find homeschool groups & support?
- What are some good homeschool field trip ideas?
- How can I afford homeschooling?
- What do I do for high school transcripts, diplomas, & graduation requirements?
- What about microschoools, pods, hybrids, tutors, etc.?
- What about charter schools?
- Want to learn more about homeschooling?
- Who can I contact if I have questions?
- How can I stay informed or get more involved with OCEANetwork?

What are the requirements for homeschooling in Oregon?

The requirements for homeschooling in Oregon are fairly straightforward. Basically, you are required to:

- 1) submit a letter of intent to homeschool to your Educational Service District (ESD), and
- 2) complete standardized testing at the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10.

For more details, see the Homeschooling Laws & Requirements section in this binder or go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/summary-homeschool-law/>.

How do I homeschool my special needs student?

Homeschooling is a wonderful option for special needs students! For information about requirements, evaluation options, and FAQ specific to homeschooling disabled children, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-special-needs-oregon-support/>. You'll also find three exclusive video sessions that will encourage you on this journey.

How do I send a letter of intent?

All parents desiring to home educate their children must notify the Educational Service District (ESD) of their intent to homeschool.

- Notification is sent once per child either
- Notification is sent when they are 6 years old by September 1 or when they begin to home educate if the children are older than 6.
- Children younger than 6 on September 1 are not required to be in public school, so no notification is required.
- Only include required information (your name and address, (phone number and/or email are optional), your child's (or children's) name(s) and birth date(s), and the last public school your child attended or the school district in which you reside).
- This letter is due within 10 days of the beginning of school or 10 days of withdrawing your child from public or private school. If you write the letter September 1st or the day you withdraw your child from public or private school, you should have no problems.
- Make sure you keep a copy of the letter for your files. You may even want to send it certified mail to keep a record of its arrival.
- The ESD is required to acknowledge the receipt of your letter within 90 days. Keep their acknowledgment in your permanent files also.
- This letter is sent once. You don't need to send another letter of your intent to home educate to the ESD **unless you move to a new Educational Service District.**

Note: We do not recommend using the online ESD systems for notification. Instead, send a paper letter of intent to the ESD. For your convenience, we've provided an example letter of intent in this binder. For more information, read here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/summary-homeschool-law/>.

- Use the spreadsheet of ESD contact info in this binder or go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/summary-homeschool-law/> for the most up-to-date list.
- Using paper instead of online forms: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/letter-of-intent-to-homeschool/>
- Notify rather than “register” <https://www.oceanetwork.org/register-to-homeschool-in-oregon/>

What do we do for standardized testing?

Home educated children are required to be evaluated by August 15th at the end of grades 3, 5, 8 and 10.

- If they have been withdrawn from public or private school recently you'll wait 18 months to test.
- The test must be proctored by a qualified tester not related to the child by blood.
- You must keep the test results in case your ESD requests them (some ESDs issue a blanket request, such as in their acknowledgment letter in response to your letter of intent).
- If your child tests below the 15th percentile, you may continue to homeschool but will test again the next year. If the student scores below their last test, a process of remediation is put in place with the goal of bringing their scores up.
- If they are participating in interscholastic sports, they test annually by June 15th and must test at or above the 23rd percentile.
- For special needs students there are other options for evaluations available, such as a Privately Developed Plan (PDP), which is explained elsewhere in this binder or at <https://www.oceanetwork.org/laws-with-disabilities>.

For more information, including what qualifies a tester, which tests are allowed, the remediation process, etc., go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-laws-no-special-needs/>.

Which homeschool methods & styles are best for me?

Exploring various homeschool methods and styles can help you craft a homeschool that meets you and your family's needs.

For information on methods such as Charlotte Mason, classical, unit studies, and more, as well as curriculum ideas for each one, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-methods/>.

What are learning styles and how can they help?

We all learn differently. Understanding and capitalizing on your child's learning styles will make learning easier and more enjoyable for your homeschool children.

Find out more about three main learning styles and some teaching tips for each one at <https://www.oceanetwork.org/learning-styles/>.

How do I know what to teach & when?

In Oregon there are no legal requirements imposed upon parents about what to teach and when to teach it. This is a huge blessing and part of the homeschool freedoms that OCEANetwork works hard year-round to protect and expand!

However, parents are often left wondering what to teach children in their homeschool and when to teach it! This can seem overwhelming, especially if you try to replicate the public school requirements at home (which we do not recommend).

To learn about some basic milestones you can use to plan out your homeschool course of study, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/what-to-teach/>.

How do I choose curriculum?

These days, there are so many options for curriculum you can use in your homeschool that it can easily get overwhelming. There are some basic tips you can use to help you narrow things down and choose the resources that are the best fit for your family.

For 15 tips on choosing homeschool curriculum, as well as a printable guide of popular Christian homeschool curricula, go here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/choosing-homeschool-curriculum/>.

How do I plan my homeschool year?

In the summer and fall, many parents start planning for the next homeschool year. This is true whether they homeschool year-round or follow a traditional schedule. You can do what works for you! Here are some things to consider:

- Choose an overall schedule. There are many ideas to try but here are three common ones:
 - The traditional schedule follows the public school year with a large summer break.
 - Year-round homeschooling goes all year round with breaks where you want (vacations, holidays, etc.)

- “Sabbath schooling” is schooling 6 weeks and taking the 7th week off. Or you could try 4 weeks on 1 week off.
- Use a year-at-a-glance calendar to block off any known vacations or breaks you want to take. Break up large ranges of homeschool weeks. Remember, there is no minimum number of homeschool days required in Oregon.
- Count how many weeks you have left for schooling. This is helpful to know for planning check-ins throughout the year. For example, if your math curriculum will take 32 weeks, you’ll be able to determine when in the school year you should be halfway done. You’ll also know how much wiggle room you have in the year for extra needed breaks and days off.
- Consider putting a fun “back to homeschool” family activity on the calendar as well as a “end-of-year” day. Even year-round homeschoolers can pick a date and enjoy the celebration!

How do I schedule my day?

Homeschool schedules are as different as homeschool families. As you try out different things, you’ll discover what works best for you and your kids. Many families like to get their work done early in the day so they can have the rest to play. But some prefer starting after lunch! Do what works for you.

Here are some ideas to consider:

- Don’t try to replicate the public school. Homeschooling is flexible, family-based, and can be designed to fit your needs. It also takes much less time to get work done for the day. It’s not uncommon for early elementary children to be done in an hour or two, or at least by lunchtime.
- Set up routines as far as mealtimes and chores first. This can be your framework to start adding homeschool lessons.
- Pick the block of time that makes the most sense to “do school.” For example, after breakfast and chores. Build in breaks if needed.
- If you have more than one child, do “group time” work at the table together (Bible, read aloud, art, etc) and then the older kids can go do their independent work and come ask questions when they have them.
- Remember you don’t have to do every subject every day. For example, you could do the core subjects daily (Bible, reading, writing, math), and then do other subjects on a rotation.
- Also consider a 4-day week. Many families do this and use the 5th day for housekeeping and prep, a fun board game/field trip day, etc.
- If the day falls apart or you need to focus on character or routines, take time to do that! Homeschooling is flexible.

How do I find homeschool groups & support?

Gathering support and encouragement for your homeschool journey is important! When you are looking for a homeschool group, you will notice that there are formal groups and co-ops and there are also informal options. Sometimes, finding the group that is the best fit for you takes some trial and error, but that's normal.

Find out what options are available and how to find (or start) a support group for your homeschool: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/oregon-homeschool-groups/>

What are some good homeschool field trip ideas?

There are so many great places to visit for field trips. Look around locally and ask friends and businesses in your area for ideas. Consider bakeries, fire departments, and more.

You'll also find a fantastic growing list of Oregon field trips here on the OCEANetwork site, organized by region: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/oregon-field-trips/>

One great place to visit is the Oregon Capitol. Download the free field trip packet for more learning fun: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/oregon-capitol-field-trip-printable/>

While it's good to visit the Capitol anytime, you can join OCEANetwork every other year (during long legislative sessions) at Apple Pie Day, where we go to the Capitol and talk with homeschoolers and legislators about homeschool freedom. Find out more here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/applepieday/>

How can I afford homeschooling?

Understandably, cost is often a concern for homeschool parents. How can we provide a quality education on limited funds?

First, remember that the Lord can be trusted to provide all we need to train up and educate our children. Many parents over the years have educated their children very well on shoestring budgets, graduating them into great careers or colleges. In addition, they have done so without taking government funds and the oversight it always brings.

Here are some ways that families afford homeschooling:

- Starting early and setting up auto-transfers each month of a small amount of money into a homeschool fund.
- Using free or frugal homeschool resources.
- Frequenting the library and their services.
- Taking advantage of curriculum sales and conference specials.

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- Purchasing materials used online or at used curriculum sales.
- Borrowing materials from friends, the library, etc.
- Finding facebook or other social media groups where free or frugal homeschool material is offered (including local “buy nothing” groups)
- Finding free events, field trips, experiences, etc, or getting group discounts by going with friends and support groups.
- Selling their materials and curriculum at the end of the year to help fund the next year.
- Asking friends and family to give educational materials and experiences as gifts (art supplies, fun science kits, books, memberships, events, etc.)
- Swapping teaching tasks with a friend who has different expertise than you (a once-a-week/month get together where they lead an art lesson and you lead a music lesson, for example).
- And many more!

Homeschool parents are creative and intentional. With some time and commitment, you’ll find the resources that meet your needs and provide an excellent education. Save your dollars for the subjects where you or your child need the most help!

What do I do for high school transcripts, diplomas, & graduation requirements?

There are no specific requirements for homeschool transcripts, diplomas, or graduation. Parents issue transcripts and diplomas for their homeschool students. The course of study for high school and what you want on the transcript varies based your goals. In most cases, it is prudent to prepare for college in case students decide to pursue that route.

For information about how to plan the high school years, keep records, and more, go here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-diplomas/>.

OCEANetwork Supporting Members also get access to a fillable Oregon diploma PDF and a fillable high school transcript in PDF or Excel format. <https://www.oceanetwork.org/supporting-membership/>

What about microschoools, pods, hybrids, tutors, etc.?

For any such program or resource you are considering, first be sure to identify whether it qualifies as independent homeschooling. This is important for the purposes of knowing what laws and requirements apply to you and for preserving homeschool freedoms. In some cases, they’re legally operating as a private school, and so different laws apply.

In addition, prayerfully consider the pros and cons of using models where others teach your child and direct their education. While they can be a good stepping-stone into more parent-led instruction, there are always pros and cons to every model. One strategy for evaluating options is to glean insight from parents who have had varying

experiences with it: those who considered but did not choose it in the end, those who are using and enjoying it, and those who stopped using it for various reasons.

For more information to consider, go to <https://www.oceanetwork.org/can-someone-else-homeschool-my-child/>.

What about charter schools?

Charter schools are technically public schools, and so homeschool laws and requirements do not apply to families enrolled in them.

OCEANetwork support parents' rights to choose the method that best fits their family. However, there are several reasons why we focus on and recommend independent homeschooling over other educational models.

For more information, read these posts:

- <https://www.oceanetwork.org/charter-schools-in-oregon/>
- <https://www.oceanetwork.org/protecting-private-homeschooling-law/>

Want to learn more about homeschooling?

If you want to dig even deeper into homeschooling, sign up for Homeschool University: Start Strong Oregon! This fantastic 2-week course is for parents in their first year or so of homeschooling. You'll get access to wonderful videos, articles, master classes, printables, and more. It's loaded with practical help and encouragement!

Go here to learn more: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-university-oregon/>

Who can I contact if I have questions?

OCEANetwork is here all year round to help answer your questions and get you started with confidence. Feel free to reach out anytime!

- Phone: (503) 288-1285
- Email: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/contact-us/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/homeschooloregon>
- Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/homeschoolinginoregon/

How can I stay informed or get more involved with OCEANetwork?

The Oregon Christian Home Education Association Network (OCEANetwork) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that has been protecting and expanding homeschool freedoms in Oregon for over 30 years.

We work year-round to encourage and equip homeschoolers, host helpful homeschooling events, monitor the legislature for bills that may impact homeschooling, and sound the alert when it's time for homeschoolers to act.

If you're curious about the history of homeschooling in Oregon and OCEANetwork's involvement, watch this short video: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-history>

You can keep informed and get involved in the following ways:

- **FREE eNewsletter and Print Magazine** - Sign up for emails so you get Freedom Watch alerts and e-newsletters from OCEANetwork. You'll also have the option of signing up to get our print magazine, OCEANetwork Waves, delivered to your home a few times a year. Go here to sign up: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/signup/>
- **Annual Oregon Christian Home Education Conference** - OCEANetwork's annual homeschool conference brings hundreds of Oregon homeschool families together for fellowship, encouraging speakers, an Exhibit Hall, and the largest Used Curriculum Exchange in the state. <https://www.oceanetwork.org/oceanetwork-conference/>
- **Apple Pie Day Legislative Event** - Every other year (during long legislative sessions) OCEANetwork hosts Apple Pie Day, where homeschool families go to the Capitol. While there, we pass out information packets and apple pies to legislators. It is an important event for homeschool freedom!
 - Find out more here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/applepieday/>
 - Tips on talking with legislators: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/visiting-your-legislators/>
- **Become an OCEANetwork Supporting Member** - Not only will you help us continue the work of protecting and expanding homeschool freedoms in Oregon, but you'll receive great perks and discounts. <https://www.oceanetwork.org/supporting-membership/>
- **Join the OCEANetwork Volunteer Team** - OCEANetwork is completely volunteer-run! Whether it's volunteer jobs at our events, helping with publications, or working with social media, we need your help! Find out more here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/volunteer/>.

Four Kinds of Education

Brick and Mortar

Publicly funded



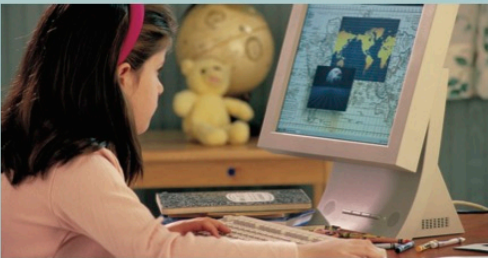
Public School: Public schools are publically-funded, brick-and-mortar schools. The majority of students in the U.S. attend public school. The state funds the schools, provides the teachers and sets the course of study.

Privately funded



Private School: Parents choose the school and pay for it. Education takes place in a classroom. These can be special interest schools such as Montessori or church-based schools.

Home based



Public School at Home: The state pays for these schools, but the education takes place in the home. These can be online schools or charter schools which have students work out of the home under the supervision of a teacher, etc.



Private Homeschool: Parents pay for their children's education, choose the course of study, provide the materials, and do the teaching or pay for supplementary instruction.

Private Homeschool is not the same as Public School at Home. Even though both take place in the home, they have different funding and a different locus of control. Students in the Public-School-At-Home programs are legally considered public school students and their funding comes from tax dollars. Private Homeschool students are not public school students, and are not funded by tax dollars.

Private Homeschooling is effective. Since the 1980s when the modern homeschool movement began, research studies and data collected by state Departments of Education have consistently shown that home educated students score, on average, 20 percentile points above their classroom counterparts.

Advantages of Private Homeschooling

- Tutorial-style education helps each child achieve his or her full educational potential.
- Flexibility to go at the child's pace to achieve mastery of concepts.
- Time to explore new interests and develop unique talents.
- Positive socialization by mature adult example while limiting children's exposure to detrimental influences.
- Building strong family relationships through learning together.
- High school students can get an early start on college education or career preparation.



Homeschool Fast Facts

From homeschoolingbackgrounder.com/homeschool-fast-facts/
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An estimated 3.7 million students were homeschooled in the United States during the 2020-2021 school year.

- This was up 42% from the 2019-2020 school year.
(nheri.org)

Homeschoolers are diverse

- Percent of U.S. households with school-aged children that are homeschooling:
(census.gov)
 - Hispanic: 12.1% of households are homeschooling
 - White: 9.7% of households are homeschooling
 - Black: 16.1% of households are homeschooling
 - Asian: 8.8% of households are homeschooling
- Homeschoolers as a group live below the national average income level.
(nytimes.com)
- Homeschooling families come from many different demographics: Atheists, Christians, Muslims, and Mormons; progressives and liberals, libertarians, and conservatives; low-, middle-, and high income; parents with Ph.D.s, GEDs, and no high school diploma.
(nheri.org)
- Parents homeschool for these reasons (among others):
(nces.ed.gov)
 - Concern about school environment, such as safety, drugs, or negative peer pressure
 - Dissatisfaction with the academic instruction at other schools
 - Desire to provide religious or moral instruction
- Many African American parents homeschool to:
(theatlantic.com)
 - Protect their children, especially their boys, from low expectations and being labeled as “trouble makers”
 - Give their children a sense of their historic cultural roots

Homeschoolers score substantially higher on standardized tests than public school students, on average

- The average U.S. homeschooled student scores 15-30 percentiles higher than the national average.
- Oregon homeschoolers, on average, score 29 percentiles higher than the national average. Arkansas homeschoolers, on average, score 11 percentiles higher than the national average.
(homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)

Homeschooled students receive the same academic boost at all ability levels

- This includes children with learning disabilities (homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)

Homeschooled students are as consistently (equitably) educated as public school students

- There are proportionately just as many well-served homeschool students as there are well-served public school students. And there are proportionately just as many ill-served public school students as there are ill-served homeschool students. (homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)

The typical homeschooled student is well-socialized

- Socialization is the process of gaining the abilities and motivations necessary to function well as a member of society. In recent research, homeschoolers have demonstrated the sufficiency of their socializing experiences, on some issues showing better results than conventional schools. (stetson.edu)
- One study suggests homeschooled students may be more politically tolerant than public school students. (nheri.org)

Homeschoolers likely have a lower child abuse rate than the national average

- The best data available offers credible evidence that homeschoolers have a lower child abuse rate than the national average. There are no studies existing that offer credible evidence that homeschoolers have a higher than average child abuse rate. (homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)

Regulation does not help homeschooled students

- Homeschool academic achievement is not boosted by regulations. (homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)
 - There is no evidence that regulating homeschoolers protects homeschooled students from child abuse. (nheri.org)
 - Most existing state/provincial homeschool regulations are based on assumptions known to be unfounded. (homeschoolingbackgrounder.com)
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You Might Also Like...

- Top 6 Reasons to Homeschool Your Children: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/reasons-to-homeschool/>
- Our Children Belong to God, Not the State: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/our-children-belong-to-god/>
- Homeschooling: Not Just an Educational Option: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschooling-educational-option/>



Become an OCEANetwork Supporting Member

Make a difference! Become a Supporting Member with OCEANetwork. You'll get great perks while helping protect and expand Oregon homeschool freedoms! in Oregon >> <https://www.oceanetwork.org/supporting-membership/>

For just \$50, you will receive exclusive benefits and discounts to bless your homeschool.

Why Support OCEANetwork?

✓ **We believe parents have the right and the responsibility to teach and train their children as they see fit.**

OCEANetwork works year-round to protect the freedoms of all homeschoolers in Oregon.

✓ **We believe that parents are the most qualified to educate their children well.**

OCEANetwork provides events, services, and resources to support families on their homeschool journey and help them succeed.

✓ **We believe that independent homeschooling is the best education model for families academically, socially, and spiritually.**

OCEANetwork encourages family discipleship, helping parents raise up children for the Lord.

✓ **We believe that your children do not belong to the state. The Lord has entrusted them to you and will equip you for the task.**

You can help protect homeschool freedoms in Oregon AND enjoy the benefits of being an OCEANetwork Supporting Member!

Benefits of Becoming a Supporting Member

Sign up now to become a supporting member and receive great perks and benefits! Below is the list of benefits as of 6/2024. Your membership fee will go toward supporting and protecting Oregon homeschoolers.

[OCEANetwork.org](https://www.oceanetwork.org)

Teacher ID Membership Card

Members will receive a laminated OCEANetwork Supporting Member card. Your membership card can be used as a Teacher ID card when applying to participate in educator discount programs at businesses that offer these programs to homeschool families. Cards are mailed around the end of each quarter to new and renewed members and are good for one year.

\$10 Off Conference Registration

Join us for OCEANetwork's annual Oregon Homeschool Conference! Each June, homeschool families from across Oregon come to the conference to hear encouraging speakers, meet other families, enjoy family activities, browse the Exhibitor Hall, and more! OCEANetwork Supporting Members will receive \$10 off registration for the annual conference. Note that in recent years the conference has been canceled due to local gathering restrictions. This membership benefit is available for years we are able to host the conference. >> <https://www.oceanetwork.org/conference/>

\$15 Off HSLDA Membership

The Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is a national organization that advocates for homeschoolers at the local and federal level, with the vision of protecting the right of parents to direct the education of their children. OCEANetwork Supporting Members receive \$15 off HSLDA memberships. >> <https://hsllda.org>

2 FREE Audiobooks and Lapbooks from Author Susan K. Marlow

Get the audiobook versions of two books from Susan K. Marlow's beloved Circle C and Goldtown book series! You'll get the first book of the Goldtown Beginnings (Jem Strikes Gold) and the first book of the Stepping Stones (Andi Saddles Up) for FREE! You'll also receive the accompanying lapbook for these audiobooks. >> <https://circlecbooks.com/>

Expert Support and Resources for Special Needs Homeschooling

OCEANetwork Supporting Members will have access to expert support for homeschooling special needs students. Have questions about how to best homeschool your child, setting up an IEP/PDP, or getting a diagnosis? OCEANetwork has partnered with SPED Homeschooling to provide members with access to experts that will help! >> <https://spedhomeschool.com/>

Bonus Benefit: Need a PDP Service Provider? In addition to expert support, SPED Homeschool is providing Oregon parents access to PDP service providers that can help put together a PDP and provide the legally required evaluations. SPED

Homeschool PDP services for Oregon are ONLY available to OCEANetwork Supporting Members and they have arranged for frugal pricing options as an extra blessing.

Notification of PDP Letter Generator

If you decide to use a Privately Developed Plan (PDP) with your special needs homeschool student, you must send a letter to the ESD notifying them of that. We recommend that the letter includes only the legally required information. OCEANetwork Supporting Members have access to a Notification of PDP Letter Generator form that will create a PDF of the letter and email it to them.

PDP Evaluation Statement Generator

If you're using a PDP for your special needs student, your service provider will need to write an evaluation statement at the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10, and provide you a signed copy of it to submit to the ESD if they request it. We recommend that the statement includes only the legally required information. OCEANetwork Supporting Members have access to a PDP Evaluation Statement Generator that their service providers may use to generate that statement for them.

25% Off the Start Strong Oregon Online Course for Parents

Get 25% off our [Start Strong Oregon course!](https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-university-oregon/) This unique 14-day online course is designed to help new homeschoolers take flight. It includes videos, articles, and panel discussions with veteran homeschoolers who will walk you step-by-step through all the facets of successfully homeschooling your kids. Sometimes, the biggest challenge is simply where to begin. Start Strong Oregon is a two-week crash course to help you cut through the confusion. >> <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-university-oregon/>

Fillable Transcript and Diploma Templates

Getting ready to homeschool the high school years or are preparing your high schooler now for college? Members get an Oregon high school diploma template (fillable PDF) for the current school year and a high school transcript (fillable PDF or Excel spreadsheet).

SchoolhouseTeachers.com: 3 Months FREE + Subscription Discounts

SchoolhouseTeachers.com is the curriculum site of *The Old Schoolhouse® Magazine* that now offers more than 400 online and downloadable courses for students in preschool through high school. Their courses cover academic subjects from math and language arts to music and computer programming and so many others.

OCEANetwork Supporting Members will get Schoolhouse Teachers FREE for three months with special continuation pricing for ongoing subscriptions. >> <https://schoolhouseteachers.com/>

\$90 Off Schoolhouse Teachers

Get \$90 off a Schoolhouse Teachers premium membership! You'll have access to hundreds of courses for ALL subjects and ALL grade levels for your whole family! Includes downloadable lessons, streaming videos and ebooks, and more. PLUS a one-year PRINT subscription to This Old Schoolhouse magazine! >> <https://schoolhouseteachers.com/>

Online Class Recordings with Andrew Pudewa from IEW

The Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) has made special recordings of actual writing classes just for state homeschool organization members! You'll be able to view four different classes covering grades 3 and up, all taught by Andrew Pudewa. In addition to recordings, source text handouts and checklist handouts will be available for download. >> <https://iew.com/>

\$20 Off at Patriot Academy

Patriot Academy is once again offering OCEANetwork Supporting Members \$20 off any product in 2024! Includes courses such as Biblical Citizenship, Constitution Alive!, and other resources that "equip a new generation of young people to become leaders in Federal, State, and local governments and to help bring our nation back to the principles on which we were founded." >> <https://www.patriotacademy.com/homeschool>

Free Rock Identification Cards

This Rock Identification Card Deck by Northwest Treasures is a fun way to help your rockhound learn more about the rock types! It helps you to identify the four rock types: sedimentary, metamorphic, volcanic (igneous), and plutonic. Become more familiar with the look of granite, gabbro, diorite, granodiorite, shale, siltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, gneiss, schist, quartzite, marble, tuff, pumice, rhyolite, and basalt. With the complete deck (64 cards), you can play your own version of favorites like "Go Fish" and "Concentration." >> <https://northwestrockandfossil.com/>

FREE History App Access from NOTGRASS HISTORY

Homeschool History is a web-based app that saves you time and enhances your study of history, geography, government, and economics. As an OCEANetwork member, you can enjoy six months of access at no charge (a \$15 value). Search and find links to videos, virtual tours, and games, plus get exclusive content. >> <https://www.notgrass.com/>

Freebies & Discounts from The HomeScholar

The HomeScholar – Lee Binz is an author and speaker providing products to help homeschool high school with confidence. **Get 10%-50% off** HomeScholar Resources! Lee has put together some fantastic discounts for several of her courses and other products, just for OCEANetwork Supporting Members! **Free Gift (\$8 value!) –**

[OCEANetwork.org](https://www.oceanetwork.org)

Members get a FREE ebook to learn more about homeschooling: How to Be a Better Home Educator! >> <https://www.homehighschoolhelp.com>

Freebies & Discounts from Family Renewal, LLC

Family Renewal – Israel and Brooke Wayne are speakers and authors on homeschooling and Christian family life. Members get a FREE copy of Israel Wayne’s audio recording of History of the Homeschooling Movement! They will also get a coupon code for 15% off their total purchase at the Family Renewal store! >> familyrenewal.org/

U.S. Civics Guide

Your Guide to U.S. Civics will walk you through ten units of learning about the people and documents that formed the foundation of our country, the different parts of our government, how laws are made, how elections work, our patriotic symbols, and much more. This guide is full of online links to videos and articles, as well as book, movie, and game suggestions.

Member Benefits Are Growing!

We'll be adding perks and benefits as they become available. Additions or changes to member benefits during the year will be emailed to you.

To sign up, go to

<https://oceanetwork.org/supporting-membership/>

(Just want to donate? Go to <https://oceanetwork.org/donate>)



Don't Fall for School Choice Initiatives!

🚫 School Choice initiatives don't deliver on what they claim. 🚫

- They don't protect homeschoolers from regulation.
- They don't expand school choices.
- They don't cause a mass exodus from public school.
- They don't save anyone money long-term.
- They don't empower parents and families.

Avoid the funding trap and keep independent homeschooling free!

✅ Learn more by attending or purchasing the recording for the conference session "School Choice and Homeschool Freedom: Why Government Funding is NOT the Answer."

<https://www.alliancerecordings.com/detail.cfm?context=Recordings&oid=104&RID=4804>

Articles and Podcasts About School Choice

- School Choice and Oregon Homeschoolers by OCEANetwork - <https://oceanetwork.org/school-choice-homeschool/>
- FAQ About School Choice by OCEANetwork - <https://oceanetwork.org/school-choice-faq/>
- Freedom Watch Alert on the Oregon School Choice Amendment initiative (School Choice Initiatives: A Threat to Every Homeschooler, posted 10/7/2021) <https://oceanetwork.org/school-choice-initiatives/>
- Freedom Watch Alert: Second dangerous School Choice constitutional amendment petition (posted 7/15/2022) <https://oceanetwork.org/school-choice-constitutional-amendment-petition/>
- Key Articles on School Choice from Homeschooling Backgrounder - <https://homeschoolingbackgrounder.com/key-articles-on-school-choice-from-homeschooling-backgrounder/>
- Excellent Podcast Series on Schoolhouse Rocked with Aby Rinella (Homeschool Idaho)
 - Understanding School Choice: Preserving Freedom in Education (part 1) - <https://youtu.be/veWdps-UFz0>

- Navigating School Choice: The Battle for Educational Freedom (part 2) - <https://youtu.be/utDGQ8a9yCc>
- Strings Attached: The Risks and Realities of School Choice (part 3) - <https://youtu.be/3-8ve8f42Ns>
- The True Cost of School Choice: A Threat to Homeschool Freedom (part 4) - <https://youtu.be/pjpSDcLf5vc>
- How ESA Funding Could Undermine Homeschool Freedom by HSLDA - <https://hslida.org/post/how-esa-funding-could-undermine-homeschool-freedom>
- School Choice: Unmasking the Euphemism by Garritt Hampton from Schoolhouse Rocked - <https://schoolhouserocked.com/school-choice-unmasking-the-euphemism/>
- Government Funding Private Education is Not the Solution by Robert Bortins from Classical Conversations - <https://homeschoolfreedomactioncenter.com/government-funding-private-education-is-not-the-solution/>
- Understanding School Choice by Nicki Truesdell - <https://nickitruesdell.com/understanding-school-choice>

Help Protect and Expand Homeschool Freedoms in Oregon

So what CAN we do to help protect and expand homeschool freedoms in Oregon?

- **Know the History of Homeschooling in Oregon (video)** - <https://youtu.be/dqLKZgsMsZY?si=OxH0xnTkto-GI6Tf>
- **Attend a Homeschool Day at the Capitol** - Gather with homeschoolers from around the state to rally for homeschool freedom, connect with legislators, and share homeschooling info with them. It's a powerful part of the homeschool freedom strategy!
 - **Apple Pie Day** - A more involved event, happens in the spring of every long legislative session year (2025, 2027, etc.) <https://oceanetwork.org/ApplePieDay/>
 - **Capitol Day** - Happens in the spring of every short legislative session year (2024, 2026, etc.) <https://oceanetwork.org/capitol-day/>
- **Homeschool Freedom Challenge** - A challenge families and their homeschool communities can do from home to learn about and promote homeschool freedom! By OCEANetwork - <https://oceanetwork.org/hfchallenge/>
- **Oregon Homeschool Academic Achievement Study of 2023-24** - Academic data is essential to fighting for homeschool freedom in the legislature. Help us update our data and provide more current research in those efforts! It's EASY to participate. Learn more here: <https://www.oceanetwork.org/2023-24-Study>
- **Full Freedom Bill in 2025** - OCEANetwork believes that current requirements in Oregon for homeschoolers are unnecessary and burdensome to families. (<https://oceanetwork.org/exempt-oregon-homeschoolers-testing/>) We hope to submit a Full Freedom Bill in 2025 during the long legislative session to remove requirements for standardized testing, notification, etc. Keep up-to-date on this and other homeschool freedom efforts by subscribing to our emails: <https://oceanetwork.org/signup/>

HOMESCHOOL LAWS IN OREGON



Notice of Intent

Notify the Educational Service District (ESD) of your intent to homeschool. Notification needs to be sent just once for each child when they turn 6 by September 1 of that school year.



Evaluations

Complete evaluations at the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10 by August 15th. Evaluations must be completed by a qualified tester. Keep test results on hand in the event your ESD requests them.



Test Scores

If your child's test results score at or above the 15th percentile, you can continue as planned. There is a 3-year remediation process for students scoring below that level, although it is rarely required.



Reporting

If your Educational Service District (ESD) requests your student's test results, you are required by law to provide them. Some ESDs always ask and some rarely do. Keep your test results on file.



Questions?

Contact us by emailing mail@oceanetwork.org if you have any questions or concerns about Oregon homeschool law and requirements. We're here to help!

WE BELIEVE

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TOP REASONS TO HOMESCHOOL YOUR CHILD

Homeschooling in Oregon with OCEANetwork.org

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Deuteronomy 6:7

Discipleship

Educate your children with a biblical worldview and live out Deuteronomy 6:7 by teaching them the things of God in all of life and learning.

Relationships

Have more time to invest in family relationships, enjoying in full the years you have with your children at home, and guiding them in making godly friends.

Excellence

Provide an education that fits their needs and interests so they can truly thrive in academics, biblical knowledge, and life skills. Launch them into the real world well-prepared!

Freedom

Freedom to educate your kids as you see fit, not limited by the schedules of public schools or the confinement of the classroom setting.

Flexibility

Accommodate special needs, work around major family events, change up your method or course of study as needed, and more. Flexibility is a blessing!

Responsibility

All children belong to God, and He has given parents — not the state — the responsibility of nurturing and training them. Parents must rise to this calling!

STEPS TO GETTING STARTED

- 1 Seek the Lord**
Pray for wisdom and guidance.
- 2 Cast the Vision**
Know your "why" for homeschooling.
- 3 Know the Law**
Understand and follow Oregon homeschool law.
- 4 Get Connected**
Connect to OCEANetwork and other homeschoolers.
- 5 Explore Methods**
Learn about different homeschool methods to try.
- 6 Learning Styles**
Know how your child learns best and meet those needs.
- 7 Choose Curriculum**
Select curriculum that fits your family's goals & needs.
- 8 Enjoy the Journey**
There are so many blessings in homeschooling. Enjoy!