

## NEVADA

**Compulsory Attendance Ages:** “between the ages of 7 and 18 years...unless the child has graduated from high school.” Nevada Revised Statutes § 392.040.

**Required Days of Instruction:** None specified for homeschools.

**Required Subjects:** English (including reading, composition, and writing), math, science, and social studies (including history, geography, economics, and government) as appropriate for the age and level of skill of the child, as determined by the parent. This does not require a parent to ensure that each subject area is taught each year that the child is homeschooled. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(12).

**Home School Statute:** Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700 and Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.070.

1. Definitions: “*Homeschooled child*” means a child who receives instruction at home and who is exempt from compulsory attendance pursuant to NRS 392.070.” Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 385.007.

“*Parent*” means the parent, custodial parent, legal guardian or other person in this State who has control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the child’s education. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(14).

2. The parent must file with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child resides a one-time written notice of intent to homeschool the child. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(1), (5).

(a) The Department will provide a standard form for the notice of intent. This form must not require any information or assurances that are not otherwise required. The board of trustees of each school district must ensure this form is made available to homeschooling parents.

(b) The notice must be filed before beginning to homeschool the child or not later than 10 days after the child has been formally withdrawn from public school or not later than 30 days after establishing state residency.

(c) The superintendent of schools shall accept a notice of intent that meets the statutory requirements and shall not require any additional information.

(d) The purpose of the notice of intent is to inform the school district in which the child resides that the child is exempt from the requirement of compulsory attendance.

(e) If the name or address of the parent or child changes the parent must file a new notice of intent with the superintendent of the school district in which the child resides within 30 days.

3. The notice of intent to homeschool must include only the following:

(a) The full name, age and gender of the child;

(b) The name and address of each parent filing the notice of intent;

- (c) A statement signed and dated by each parent filing the notice of intent that the parent has control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the child's education and assumes full responsibility for the education of the child while the child is being homeschooled;
- (d) An educational plan which includes instruction in:
  - i. English, including reading, composition and writing;
  - ii. Mathematics;
  - iii. Science; and
  - iv. Social studies, including history, geography, economics and government.

The educational plan shall be appropriate for the age and level of skill of the child, as determined by the parent. This does not require a parent to ensure that each subject area is taught each year that the child is homeschooled.

- (e) If applicable, the name of the public school in this State which the child most recently attended; and
  - (f) An optional statement prohibiting release of the information provided in the notice of intent.
4. The school district shall provide a written acknowledgement that the parent filed the notice of intent. This acknowledgement shall be deemed proof of compliance with Nevada's compulsory attendance law. The school district shall retain a copy of the written acknowledgement for not less than 15 years.
  5. The superintendent shall process a written request for any records relating to a child who has been homeschooled within 5 days after receiving the request. The records may be released to the parent of the child or the child if he is at least 18 years or if required by statute.
  6. A school or organization shall not discriminate in any manner against a child who was or is homeschooled. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(10).
  7. School districts must allow homeschooled children to participate in the high school proficiency examination and all college entrance examinations including the SAT, the ACT, the PSAT, and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. Information about the availability of these tests shall be maintained on the school district's website. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(11).
  8. " 'Private Schools' means private elementary and secondary educational institutions. The term does not include a home in which instruction is provided to a child who is excused from compulsory attendance pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS § 392.070." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 394.103.

**Teacher Qualifications:** None.

**Standardized Testing:** None.

**Religious Freedom:** "No regulation or policy of the State Board, any school district or any other governmental entity may infringe upon the right of a parent to educate his child based on religious preference unless it is:

- (a) Essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and
- (b) The least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest."

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.700(13).