

# HOMESCHOOLING

## IN GEORGIA

### Georgia protects parents' right to homeschool their children as long as:

- Parents file paperwork with the Georgia Department of Education.
- Homeschooled students receive at least 180 days of instruction just like students attending traditional public schools.
- Homeschooled students are taught at least five subjects: mathematics, English language arts, science, social studies, and reading.

### Are there any scholarships available for homeschooled students?

- Families wishing to transfer from a public school to homeschooling may apply for Georgia Promise Scholarships to help cover the costs and expenses of homeschooling.

### What are the testing requirements of homeschooled students?

- Homeschooled students must complete nationally standardized testing once every three years beginning at the end of the third grade.
- Records of such tests shall be retained by the parent/guardian. Standardized testing may be completed at a testing vendor or a homeschool association.
- Georgia Milestones, End-of-Grade, and End-of-Courses Assessments are not nationally standardized tests.

### WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO FILE HOMESCHOOLING PAPERWORK?

- The only required documentation is a Declaration of Intent submitted to the Georgia Department of Education.
- The Declaration of Intent must be submitted within 30 days of beginning a homeschool program, and by September 1 annually thereafter if families continue homeschooling.
- Local school systems in Georgia are required to have proof of a student's enrollment in a homeschool program within 45 days of withdrawal from a Georgia public school. The Declaration of Intent satisfies this requirement. If the school system is not able to obtain this proof, they refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to conduct an assessment.

Additional information and resources available by scanning this code:

