



Home Schooling In Texas

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Lackland AFB, Texas

Yes, It's Legal!

Texas is one of the best places in the world to home school. Even though home schooling is not regulated in this great state, there are some things you need to know about the law and about dealing with the school district. The only requirements for home schooling to be legal are that (1) the instruction be bona fide (i.e. not a sham); (2) the curriculum be in visual form (e.g. books, workbooks, video monitor); and (3) the curriculum include the basic subjects of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and good citizenship. Parents may obtain curriculum materials from outside sources or develop their own. They may also send their children into the home of another parent for instruction or have a tutor come into the home for all or part of the instruction.

Get started: If your child is **NOT** enrolled in the public schools simply obtain a curriculum and get started. If your children **ARE** enrolled in the public school, you should officially **withdraw them**. For requirements for the state of Texas, visit the website <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/home.school/>

Go to a book fair/convention: These are excellent opportunities to shop for curriculum and attend helpful workshops to get you off to a great start. These workshops are to home school teachers the same as continuing education classes are to our public school counterparts.

Join a support group: Local support groups can provide activities for kids and fellowship, advise, and encouragement for moms and dads. Many have co-ops and/or sports leagues. Inclusion in this list should not be taken as an endorsement of these groups over others not listed.

Family Educators Alliance of South Texas (FEAST)

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San Antonio, TX 78216
Phone: (210) 342-4674
Fax: (210) 541-8722
E-mail: staff@homeschoolfeast.com
Web: www.homeschoolfeast.com

HCentralSA

Serving San Antonio, TX
Contact: Patricia Valdez
Phone: (210) 224-8729
Email: hcentralsa@satx.rr.com
<http://www.hcentralsa.org>

San Antonio Christian Homeschoolers (SACH)

Covers SW to NW San Antonio
Contact: Noel Dill or Christina Cronauer
Phone: (210) 375-4376 or (210) 681-2122
Email: info@sachristianhomeschoolers.com
<http://www.sachristianhomeschoolers.com>

San Antonio Home Education

12307 Hart Ranch, San Antonio, TX 78249

Contact: Michelle Kretzschmar

Email: contact@homeedsa.com

<http://www.homeedsa.com>

San Antonio Home Education Resources and Opportunities (HERO)

12307 Hart Ranch, San Antonio, TX

Contact: Michelle Kretzschmar

Phone: (210) 587-2407

Email: contact@sahero.org

<http://www.sahero.org>

Supporting Homeschoolers In the Northeast (SHINE) Homeschool

Serving NE San Antonio and surrounding areas, including Schertz, Garden Ridge, Cibolo, Universal City

Email: info@shinehomeschool.com

<http://www.shinehomeschool.com>

Additional Resources:

Homeschool.com – The #1 Homeschooling Community: Resources and information for K-12 including articles and message boards.

www.homeschool.com

Homeschool World: Home of Mary Pride's Practical Homeschooling magazine and homeschooling community. Large number of articles, news, online experts, up-to-date events list and more.

www.home-school.com

Homeschool Central: The place for homeschoolers and those interested in homeschooling to find all of the resources they need including homeschool curriculum choices.

www.homeschoolcentral.com

Texas Home School Coalition: Christian state-wide legislative watchdog organization. Legal and general homeschooling information and publications. Events calendar.

www.thsc.org

The Home School Mom: Thousands of quality, hand-picked resources including free homeschooling lesson plans, unit studies, software, web quests, websites and more.

www.thehomeschoolmom.com

Military Homeschoolers: The Military Homeschooler presents a look at homeschooling from a military perspective, and based on years of experience.

www.militaryhomeschoolers.com