

General Information on Home Schooling in New York City

The information below will provide you with instructions to register your child (or continue) **home school education for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Homeschooling is an education model in which parents educate their children at home instead of sending them to a traditional public or private school. In homeschool, the parent or guardian is responsible for the education of their child. They choose the subjects to be taught (based on a child's age and ability) as well as the curriculum and methods of teaching, plan the schedule, and teach or facilitate instruction. Homeschooling is independent, parent-directed, and parent-funded education.

How do I enroll (or re-enroll) my child in home schooling for this school year?

To continue home schooling your child, you must **annually** submit a **Letter of Intent** for each child. For the 2023-24 school year, this letter is **due on or about July 1, 2023:**

- For new and returning homeschooled students: complete the 2023-24 Online Letter of Intent Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/89bhwiGqS4>. New siblings of currently home schooled students may also be added using this form (recommended method of submission for students currently homeschooling)
- A **Letter of Intent form** to register students new (and returning) to homeschooling is available in the document section below; please complete the document and email to letterofintent@schools.nyc.gov.
- **Parents who determine to commence home instruction** (or who establish residence in the school district after the start of the school year) must submit a Letter of Intent to home school **within 14 days following the start of home instruction** within the

school district. You may use the Letter of Intent PDF template (found in the document section below) and email the completed form to letterofintent@schools.nyc.gov.

After a Letter of Intent is sent, what are the next steps?

After a Letter of Intent to home school is submitted, you will receive an auto-response email that confirms receipt. You may begin to home school your child(ren) immediately. While not required, we recommend you notify in writing the district or charter school your child(ren) attend of the Letter of Intent submission.

In order to ensure that your child receives an educational experience aligned to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) [Commissioner's Regulation Part 100.10](#) (Open external link), there are several forms that you are required to submit over the course of the school year.

State regulations allow 28 days to submit the Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP); you do not need to wait for submission or approval of the IHIP to begin home schooling. An Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) is required each year a student is home schooled.

If there are any questions or issues in your Letter of Intent or IHIP submission, a staff member will reach out to you. Email addresses provided below for more information.

Contact Information

Office of Home Schooling
333 Seventh Avenue, Floor 7
New York, NY 10001

LetterofIntent@schools.nyc.gov(Open external link) (for submission of Letters of Intent to homeschool only)

Homeschool@schools.nyc.gov(Open external link) (for general inquiries and document submission)

[William Harrington - Director, Office of Home Schooling](#) (Open external link)

[John Gitto - High School Guidance Counselor](#) (Open external link)

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For additional information, please visit

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/home-schooling>