



Home School Education in Yuma County, Arizona

For many military families, homeschooling their children as a means to provide stability and flexibility has been a positive educational option. The laws and regulations that a parent must follow when homeschooling will depend on the state in which he/she resides in.

Compulsory Attendance Ages: Arizona requires school attendance for all children between the ages of 6 and 16 years old.

Required Days of Instruction: This does not apply to homeschooled children.

Required subjects for homeschooled children: reading, grammar, math, social studies, science

How do I register my child to be homeschooled? In Arizona, you must notify the County Superintendent's office with an "Affidavit of Intent" within 30 days from the time the child begins attending homeschool. Provide the affidavit and a certified copy of the student's birth certificate. The affidavit form is available to download on the Yuma County Superintendent's website at <http://www.yumasupt.org/home-schooling.html>. You may also call 928-329-2008 or visit the office at 210 S. First Ave. Yuma, AZ 85364.

What if we move or we decide to stop homeschooling? The parent or guardian must notify the county school Superintendent within 30 days of the termination of homeschooling.

Teacher Qualifications: None in Arizona

Standardized Tests: It is not required for homeschooled children in Arizona to take annual standardized tests

Can my children participate in extracurricular activities at a public school? State law allows homeschooled children to participate in interscholastic activities in the public school district in which they reside. Contact the school district office for the district you reside in for their policies on allowing home schooled students to take course work.

Where can I find curriculum and books to homeschool my child? Please view the following website to learn about the top homeschool curriculum programs and find many resources for homeschooling: <http://www.homeschool.com/>

Are there any homeschool groups in Yuma?

1. Home Educators of Yuma (H.E.Y.) www.homeeducatorsofyuma.com or 928-651-9862
2. Classical Conversations (Yuma): cknutson@classicalconversations.com or 253-686-7439

Where can I find more support services?

1. Arizona Families for Home Education www.afhe.org/index.htm
2. Home School Legal Defense Association www.hsllda.org
3. Arizona Homeschooling laws http://www.hsllda.org/laws/Equal_Access/Arizona_eq.asp
4. Homeschool World <http://www.home-school.com/>
5. Arizona Department of Education www.azde.gov
6. Homeschool.com <http://www.homeschool.com/>

Contact the MCAS Yuma School Liaison if you have Home School questions at 928-269-5373 or yumaschoolliaison@usmc-mccs.org

Office Location: Child Development Center building #1071