

Homeschool Checklist

A complete checklist for planning and running a successful homeschool year.

Legal and administrative

- Research the homeschool laws for your area.
- File any required notice of intent or registration.
- Note attendance and instructional-day requirements.
- Identify required assessments or portfolio reviews.
- Set up a system for required record-keeping.
Keep copies of every filing and deadline confirmation.
- Mark all reporting deadlines on your calendar.

Curriculum and planning

- Set learning goals for each child and subject.
- Choose curriculum that fits your child's level and style.
- Gather core subjects: reading, math, science, history.
- Add electives, arts and physical activity.
- Map out the year into terms or units.
- Plan field trips, co-ops and enrichment activities.

Schedule and routine

- Set a weekly schedule with subjects and time blocks.
- Build a consistent daily start and routine.
- Balance focused lessons with breaks and free time.
- Plan for outings, lessons and social activities.
- Create a family calendar for the homeschool year.
- Leave flexibility for sick days and catch-up time.

Learning space and supplies

- Set up a dedicated, organized learning area.
- Stock core supplies, books and materials.
- Organize storage for each child's work and resources.
- Set up any technology and learning platforms.
- Create a quiet space for focused independent work.
- Display a schedule, calendar and reference charts.

Records and documentation

- Track attendance and instructional days.
- Keep samples of work for each subject.
- Record grades or progress notes regularly.
- Maintain a reading and activity log.
- Build a portfolio for each child.
- Store transcripts and required documents safely.

Assessment and review

- Check progress against your learning goals regularly.
- Use quizzes, projects or required tests to assess.
- Adjust pacing and curriculum where needed.
- Complete any required end-of-year assessments.
- Review what worked and plan improvements.
- Celebrate progress and set goals for next term.