Top Five
Home-Schooling Q&As to Know in Illinois

1. **How do I sign up for home schooling?**
The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) does not offer any home-school programs. It is the responsibility of the person overseeing the home-school program (typically the parent or guardian) to research and select materials needed for a home-school program. There is no state funding available for home schooling.

2. **What programs are accredited, authorized, or approved by ISBE?**
ISBE does not accredit, authorize, or approve any home-school program or curriculum. It is your responsibility to research, select, and pay for the program or textbooks you wish to use. However, you can view a list of resources as a starting point for finding a program that fits your needs. You can view a list of recognized nonpublic schools under Box 3 on this page, some of which may be fully online.

3. **What happens if I re-enroll my child in their public school after home schooling? Will my child get credit for their home-school work?**
If you re-enroll your child in a public school, the school administrators will evaluate and place your child in the grade they believe is correct. There is no guarantee your child's home-school work will be accepted by the public school. Therefore, it is very important to ask your local administrators how they evaluate home-school students and prepare ahead of time.

4. **What steps do I have to take before I can begin home schooling?**
Please notify the school the child is currently attending that you are withdrawing the student to home-school so the child is not marked absent and truant. The best way to do this is by sending a letter or email, or signing a withdrawal form and keeping a copy for yourself.

ISBE no longer collects homeschool forms. Your Regional Office of Education may have a voluntary form available to notify their office that you intend to homeschool. Chicago Public Schools has a voluntary form available for residents of Chicago.

5. **Are there any reporting requirements like grades or standardized test scores?**
No, there are no reporting requirements for home-school students, and they are not required to take standardized tests.

Have more questions?

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