

2023-2024

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION

Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Home School Office: (501) 682-1874

*Arkansas law requires parents who wish to home school their children to file a **Notice of Intent (NOI)** to home school with their local school superintendent by **August 15th of each year**. After this deadline, unless waived by the superintendent or local school district board, the public school may require a 5-day waiting period before releasing a student to be homeschooled.*

Beginning June 15, 2023, parents will be able to submit a Notice of Intent for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents have two options for submission:

1. Paper forms may be completed and turned in at your resident school district. Forms are available at your resident school district or may be printed from the DESE website: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/learning-services/home-school>. Click on “Notice of Intent” on the left-hand side. It is recommended that you make a copy for your records prior to submitting it. If you need assistance with a paper form, please contact the superintendent’s office of your resident school district and ask to speak with the home school coordinator.
2. Electronic forms may be submitted through our online system: <https://noihs.ade.arkansas.gov>. If you submitted an electronic form last school year, you can log into your existing account and submit an updated form for this year. If you need assistance with the electronic system, please contact the state Home School Office at (501) 682-1874.

Changes During the School Year: Notify your resident school district’s superintendent if your address changes and/or if you stop homeschooling. **If you move and your new residence is in a different school district, you shall provide written notice to the superintendent of the new district within 30 days.**

Optional Notary Section: It is **NOT** necessary to have this form notarized for submission to the resident school district. This section is provided in case a notarized copy of this form is needed by the parents or student(s) for another purpose, such as seeking the GED.

Driver’s License: Guidelines for receiving an Arkansas driver’s license changed in 2020. Home school students no longer have to present a notarized copy of their current-year NOI to take the driver’s test. Please consult the websites for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) – Office of Driver Services or the Arkansas State Police for current requirements. You may also contact your local DFA Revenue Office.

College & Career Readiness Testing: Home school students may participate in the **one-time, state-funded** PSAT (10th grade only) or ACT (11th grade only) test. Advanced Placement (AP) exams are also available, but please note that a **fee may apply**. **Participation is optional. By selecting a test on the form, you are consenting to allow your student’s name, grade level, and testing choice to be shared to process this specific request only.**



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