

New York State Homeschooling Paperwork Timeline

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1. Read the regulations and the Q&A on the NYS Education Department website, so you get a basic idea of what to expect. <http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/home-instruction>
2. Send your district superintendent a Letter of Intent (LOI) within two weeks of withdrawing your child -- just saying "I intend to homeschool Child X."
3. Within 10 days, the district should send you an Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) form. You don't have to wait to hear back from them to go on to the next step.
4. You have four weeks to submit an IHIP, which can just be a list of resources you are planning to use. You don't have to use their form. In fact, it's easier to make up your own form on your computer, and update it every year, or copy and revise for each child.
5. Four times a year, on dates you choose and put on the IHIP, you must submit a quarterly report. It can contain a grade or a narrative evaluation of your child's work for the quarter. If starting in the middle of the school year, just submit quarterly reports for the remaining portion of the year, which ends June 30.
6. At the end of the year, you must also submit an annual assessment – either a written narrative (in grades K-4, and every other year 5-8) or a standardized test. Most districts let you write the narrative or administer the test yourself.

For more details on NYS regulations and paperwork and how they work, check out [A Quick and Easy Guide to Homeschooling in New York State](#)

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